

SITUATION:

Two-parent case with one parent fully meeting the family's WTW participation requirements, the other parent stays home and cares for the children. In these instances the Q5i instructs us to code both parents code 19 (fully meeting) in T48 (Work Participation Status). This results in one parent being coded as fully meeting participation requirements and not having any hours of participation in Items T49 through T62.

TANF edit 263 tells us that an adult coded T48 code 19 must have hours in T49 through T62.

QUESTION:

How should we code Q5 in these situations?

Should we "share" the hours between the two adults?

Should we "double" the hours and show the full amount for both?

Should we "exempt" the parent without any hours of participation?

ANSWER:

No, no, and no.

Code both parents as fully meeting in T48 (code 19), give all the hours to the parent actually participating, and then contact your SMU representative to force the data.

TANF edit 263 is in the process of being revised to not fire in these situations, until the revision can be implemented, continue to follow the above instruction and contact your SMU representative.