

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES FAMILY INVESTMENT ADMINISTRATION	TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE MANUAL	
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906.1 SANCTIONED INDIVIDUALS

Individual sanctions may be imposed on some individuals for failure to comply with work and/or substance abuse eligibility requirements, and apply to:

- A. Children 16 or 17, not the head of household and not in school, who fail to comply with work requirements
- B. Minor parents or adults who fail to comply with substance abuse treatment programs, including initial screening
- C. Minor parents who are not the head of household, who refuse to sign the drug screening authorization form **(DHR/FIA #1176)**

906.2 THE INCOME OF A SANCTIONED CHILD

- A. A child is :
 1. An individual under age 18, considered a child on the case
 2. An individual under age 19, still in school but expected to graduate before the end of the year , considered a child on the case
- B. All **unearned income** of a sanctioned child is **counted**
- C. The earned income of a sanctioned child is disregarded

906.3 INCOME OF AN INDIVIDUALLY SANCTIONED ADULT

- A. **All** of the **earned and unearned income** of an individually sanctioned adult is **counted**
- B. The needs of the sanctioned adult are removed from the grant.
 - The needs are the difference between the grant with and without the sanctioned individual included.

EXAMPLES:

Example 1. Mr. Talbot is receiving TCA for himself, his 17-year old son, and his 10-month-old daughter. His son is not in school and will not comply with work requirements. This is the son's third instance of non-compliance. The 17-year old delivers newspapers on the weekends and earns \$25 per week.

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He also receives a monthly contribution of \$50 from his grandmother because he is her only grandchild. Mr. Talbot works part-time and earns \$200 a month. He pays \$24 a week for child care.

\$200	Mr. Talbot's gross monthly earnings
<u>- 80</u>	40% disregard
\$ 120	Countable earnings
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<u>-100</u>	Child care expense
\$ 20	Net countable earnings
<u>+50</u>	Son's unearned income contribution from his grandmother
\$ 70	Total countable monthly income
\$574	TCA benefit amount for 3
<u>- 453</u>	TCA benefit for 2
\$ 121	Needs of the son
\$574	TCA benefit
<u>- 70</u>	Countable monthly income
\$ 504	
<u>- 121</u>	Needs of the sanctioned child
\$383	TCA benefit

Food Supplement Program (FSP) participation and medical assistance coverage continue for Mr. Talbot, his son, and his daughter. For FSP, the \$121 is included as phantom income.

Example 2. Mrs. Montgomery is receiving assistance for herself, and 3 children. She receives unemployment insurance benefits of \$200 a month and her needs are being removed from the TCA assistance unit for not complying with substance abuse screening.

\$695	TCA benefit amount for 4
<u>-121</u>	Needs of Mrs. Montgomery (\$695 - \$574= \$ 121)
\$574	
<u>- 200</u>	Unemployment insurance benefits monthly amount
\$374	TCA benefit grant amount

FSP participation and medical assistance coverage continue for Mrs. Montgomery and her family. Her unemployment insurance benefits are available to the assistance unit even though she is not in the assistance unit. \$121 is phantom income.