

Nebraska’s Cash Assistance (TANF) policy: Family Investment Program		
HOW MUCH CASH ASSISTANCE CAN A FAMILY OF THREE RECEIVE?		
Flexibility	Current policy	Potential improvement
<p>Maximum benefit allowed</p> <p>What is the maximum monthly amount a family of three could receive in cash assistance?</p>	<p>\$552/month, or 26% FPL in 2024.</p>	<p>Consider increasing the maximum benefit level to provide more support for children’s development and families’ stability.</p> <p>Examples: North Dakota’s maximum benefit for a family of three is \$872/month, or 45% FPL. Minnesota’s maximum benefit for a family of three is \$1,370/month, or 62% FPL.</p>
<p>Recurring benefit increases</p> <p>Has the state mandated increases to these amounts, as the cost of living rises?</p>	<p>Yes. The standard of need for payments is adjusted every year on July 1.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR CASH ASSISTANCE?		
Flexibility	Current policy	Potential improvement
<p>Maximum income</p> <p>How much can a family of three earn and still be considered eligible to receive cash assistance?</p>	<p>There is a gross income limit of \$1,003/month (46% FPL).</p>	<p>Consider increasing the income limit.</p> <p>Example: Oklahoma’s gross income limit is \$1,193/month (55% FPL).</p>
<p>Asset limit</p> <p>How much can a family maintain in savings while still being eligible for cash assistance?</p>	<p>Families can retain assets up to \$6,000.</p>	<p>Consider either increasing or removing the asset limit to promote economic mobility by enabling families to save.</p>

		Examples: Indiana has lifted the asset limit for cash assistance to \$10,000, and Ohio has eliminated the asset limit.
<p>Eligibility during pregnancy for parents without children</p> <p>Are pregnant people with no children eligible for cash assistance?</p>	<p>Yes, starting in the third trimester of pregnancy.</p>	<p>Provide eligibility to low-income pregnant people with no other children from the first month of pregnancy in order to support basic needs required for maternal health and early development.</p> <p>Examples: Kansas, Maryland, and Illinois provide eligibility to parents without other children from the first month of pregnancy.</p>
ADDITIONAL RULES AND RESTRICTIONS		
Flexibility	Current policy	Potential improvement
<p>Time limit</p> <p>Does the state allow families to receive cash assistance up to the federal limit of 60 months?</p>	<p>Yes.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Lifting full-family sanctions</p> <p>Are other family members able to continue receiving cash benefits if an adult does not meet work requirements?</p>	<p>No.</p>	<p>Consider at least initially reducing the benefit so that children may continue receiving cash assistance (e.g., Missouri, Maryland).</p>
<p>Lifting drug felony bans</p> <p>Are persons convicted of drug-related felonies eligible for cash assistance?</p>	<p>No.</p>	<p>Consider modifying the ban so that individuals can regain access to cash assistance (e.g., Iowa, Indiana) or eliminating the ban entirely (e.g., Illinois,</p>

		Kentucky).
<p>Lifting the family cap for a new birth</p> <p>Can families receive additional cash assistance if they have another child while receiving assistance?</p>	<p>Yes. Nebraska repealed the family cap in 2007.</p>	<p>N/A</p>