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ASPIRE-TANF Family Contract

TANF and PaS are programs, which provide cash benefits to families who are temporarily unable to support themselves. While getting TANF or PaS, parents work on an employment plan to become self-supporting.

If you are eligible, this is what DHHS will provide:

- TANF or PaS benefits
- Child Support
- Services through ASPIRE-TANF
- Medical assistance

What you must do to receive TANF or PaS:

1. Come to an orientation meeting.
2. Take part in the ASPIRE-TANF program. (in some cases you may choose an exemption.)
3. Complete your employment plan (the ASPIRE-TANF Family Contract Amendment). (If the health care services are against your religious beliefs, you can refuse these services.)
4. Help DHHS to establish who is the children's father.
5. Help DHHS work toward getting child support.
6. Give proof of your income, or other items, if DHHS asks you for it.
7. Tell DHHS of any changes in your household.

Good Cause:

What if you are not able to follow through on something we ask you to do? What if you feel we are asking you to do something that will hurt you or your child? You may contact your worker and explain your reasons. DHHS will listen to your reasons and make a decision on your case. You may be given Good Cause, which means you are excused, or you may follow through at a later date.

CONTRACT:

I understand and accept this contract. If I do not follow through on all the items on the list (#1-7), I know I may lose benefits.

Signature of Parent/Specified Relative 1 Date Client ID DOB

Print Name of Parent/Specified Relative 1

Signature of Parent/Specified Relative 2 Date Client ID DOB

Print Name of Parent/Specified Relative 2

Signature of DHHS Worker Date

IMPORTANT - READ THIS SECTION IF SUBMITTING ELECTRONICALLY: By typing my name on the "Signature of Parent or Caretaker Relative" line and checking the box next to it, I am electronically signing this document. I understand that an electronic signature has the same legal effect and can be enforce in the same way as a written signature.