

WAC 388-394-0010 What is the transitional cash assistance (TCA) program?

(1) The transitional cash assistance program is a state-funded benefit administered by the department of social and health services and provides an additional cash benefit to low-income families who meet specific criteria.

(2) The following definitions apply to this program:

(a) "Family" means an assistance unit with a qualifying child;

(b) "Qualifying child" means a child meeting the following conditions:

(i) Under age 18; or

(ii) Under age 19 and participating full-time in a secondary school program as described in WAC 388-404-0005.

(3) Who is eligible for the transitional cash assistance program?

You may be eligible for transitional cash assistance for the last month you receive basic food benefits if you meet all of the following:

(a) Your basic food assistance is ending because:

(i) Your assistance unit exceeds the maximum gross monthly income limit for your household size under WAC 388-478-0060; or

(ii) You asked us to stop your benefits.

(b) No one in your basic food assistance unit receives temporary assistance for needy families, including tribal TANF, or state family assistance;

(c) Your food assistance unit includes a family with a qualifying child; and

(d) You reside in Washington state as required under WAC 388-468-0005.

(4) What benefits will I receive if I am eligible for the transitional cash assistance program?

(a) Your assistance unit will receive a separate \$10 cash assistance benefit.

(b) We deposit the cash assistance benefit to your EBT card.

(5) How do I apply for the transitional cash assistance program?

(a) You do not have to apply for the transitional cash assistance program.

(b) We will determine if your assistance unit is eligible and automatically provide the benefit to you.

(6) There is no limit to the number of times your family can receive transitional cash assistance.

(7) Continuance of the program is contingent on state funds specifically for the transitional cash assistance program. The department may discontinue the program when funding is no longer available.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, 74.04.680, and 74.08.090. WSR 22-12-017, § 388-394-0010, filed 5/20/22, effective 7/1/22.]