

WAC 388-489-0010 How is my transitional food assistance benefit calculated? (1) We base your transitional food assistance (TFA) benefit amount on the regular monthly benefit allotment issued to your basic food assistance unit for the last month your household received temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) or the month you qualified for transitional cash assistance (TCA). We will not count your last TANF grant payment when we calculate your TFA benefit amount. For example:

(a) If your basic food assistance unit's only income was TANF, the TFA benefit will be the amount your household would have received if you had no income.

(b) If your basic food benefit was calculated using TANF plus income from another source, we will count only the income from the other source when calculating the TFA amount.

(c) If a member of your assistance unit is in WorkFirst sanction when TANF closes for a reason other than WorkFirst sanction, the TFA household size will be reduced by the number of individuals in sanction when TANF closed.

(2) We will adjust your TFA benefits if:

(a) Someone who gets TFA with you leaves your assistance unit and is found eligible to receive basic food in another assistance unit. We will adjust your benefits by:

(i) Reducing your assistance unit size by the number of persons who left your assistance unit; and

(ii) Removing the income and expenses clearly belonging to the persons who left your assistance unit.

(b) A change to the maximum allotment for basic food under WAC 388-478-0060 results in an increase in benefits for basic food assistance units.

(c) You were overpaid basic food benefits and we need to adjust the amount we deduct from your monthly benefits to repay the overpayment as required in WAC 388-410-0033. This includes:

(i) Starting a new monthly deduction;

(ii) Changing the amount of the monthly deduction; and

(iii) Ending the monthly deduction when the amount you owe has been paid off.

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