



LARIMER COUNTY WORKS POLICY

Title:	County Maintenance of Effort Program		
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Desk:	Eligibility Technicians, Workforce Center	Revision:	
Reference:	Vol. III 3.600-3.637		
Agency Letters:	TCW-08-02-P		
Regulations:	Larimer County Policy for MOE, DE, Quality Assurance Committee. Vol 3		

Background: Effective April 2008 counties have the option to establish non-TANF payment programs for families who are eligible for the TANF/Colorado Works program benefits however the adults in the household face significant barriers that will limit their ability to become successfully employed and cannot be served in the same manner as Colorado Works participants who have the ability to meet the levels of activity required by Colorado Works. The payment options created by this change in State policy are funded through the Larimer County Maintenance of Effort (MOE) share of the county block grant. The use of MOE/segregated funds to meet the higher level of needs presented by these participants will allow the county to provide intensive services to clients who have needs that make it unlikely that the client can successfully complete the federally mandated participation requirements.

Eligibility Criteria: Participants in the County Maintenance of Effort Program will meet all eligibility criteria required by Volume III Section 3.600 – 3.637 including but not limited to residency, citizenship, immunization, financial eligibility limits, relationship within the 5th degree, assignment of child support, monthly reporting and on-going cooperation with Colorado Works IRC requirements. Participants in the County Maintenance of Effort Program are not eligible for the conciliation processes as established for Colorado Works participants paid through normal Basic Cash Assistance options. Any failure to comply with IRC activities or failure to maintain a valid IRC is subject to 30 day closure under Larimer County Demonstrable Evidence Policy. Good Cause based on client’s hospitalization, incarceration or other extenuating circumstance can be established with the approval of the Quality Assurance Committee or individual established as the designee.

Household’s identified as having the need for intensive services based on the presence of multiple barriers and approved by the Quality Assurance Committee will be approved for payments equal to the benefits available under Basic Cash Assistance standards and have access to supportive services in the same manner as recipients of Basic Cash Assistance benefits including access to Child Care Assistance Program Benefits for approved activities

The following barriers are considered in the determination of need for extensive service levels:

- Temporary Institutionalization
- Medical
- Homelessness
- Substance Abuse Actively participating in treatment
- Domestic Violence – actively participating in counseling
- Mental Health issues- actively participating in counseling

- Legal issues – seeking resolution
- Child Welfare case – Family plan indicates inability to participate for full participation hours
- Other as determined by specific need and circumstances.

The presence of one of the above barriers does not establish eligibility for MOE funding. Multiple barriers that necessitate on-going treatment must be identified.

Individual's who cannot be eligible for MOE program funding are individual's caring for a disabled family member or are otherwise not work eligible due to conditions that cannot be resolved to make the individual work eligible. This later group may include individuals who have shown an inability or repeated refusal to participate in appropriate treatment plans that will address legal, medical or mental health issues at a level that eventual successful employment cannot be projected.

The County MOE Program is not an entitlement based program. It is subject to the assessment and approval of the Quality Assurance Committee. No State appeal rights are available under this program. Individuals do have the right to request the County Level Dispute Resolution process specifically for review of denial of good cause requests.

The amount of Larimer County Block Grant funds available for this program is limited and shall be monitored as a segregated funding source.