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## Information on

# Welfare Reform

*As the President said on Thursday, August 22, 1996, the signing of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 should "be remembered not for what it ended but for what it began: a new day that offers hope, honors responsibility, rewards work, and changes the terms of the debate." (Remarks at the Signing Ceremony).*

*The implementation of this bill is critical to ensuring the President's vision is fulfilled. This page has been designed to assist the public in understanding the law and provide access to available federal information.*

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#### Information by Topic Areas:

##### **Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Block Grant**

The new welfare reform law block grants AFDC, Emergency Assistance (EA), and JOBS into a single capped entitlement to states -- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF). More information on TANF can be found on the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF) Welfare Pages.

##### **Child Care**

The Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) assists low-income families and those transitioning off welfare to obtain child care so they can work or attend training/education. For more information, see the HHS Child Care Bureau's Home Page and the HHS Administration for Children and Families Welfare Pages.

##### **Child Support Enforcement**

The new law contains comprehensive child support enforcement (CSE) provisions and requires states to initiate numerous new enforcement techniques. For more information, see the HHS Child Support Home Page and the ACF Welfare Pages.

##### **Transitions to Work**

The new law contains strong work requirements and performance bonuses to reward states for moving welfare recipients into jobs. To find out more information on Transitions to Work, see the President's Welfare to Work Jobs Challenge on the ACF Welfare Page, and the Department of Labor's Employments and Training Page which discussed the Work Opportunity Tax Credit.

##### **Immigration**

The new law limits welfare and public benefits for aliens. For more information, see the Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization (INS) Welfare Reform Page and the Welfare pages of ACF, Medicaid, and USDA.

##### **Medicaid**

The new law has substantial implications for Medicaid eligibility systems and responsibilities. For more information, see the HHS Medicaid Bureau Welfare Reform Page.

##### **Food Stamps**

The new law limits receipt of food stamp benefits for able-bodied adults who are not working or participating in a work program or in workfare. For more information, see the USDA Welfare Reform Page.

##### **Family Violence**

See the President's Guidance on the Family Violence Provisions of the new welfare law. For more general information on Domestic Violence issues, see the Department of Justice Violence Against Women Office and the Community Checklist Page.

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**Social Security**

Several provisions in the new welfare reform law affect Social Security Administration (SSA) including, limited SSI eligibility for noncitizens and changes in SSI childhood disability criteria. See the SSA Welfare Reform Page for more information.

**Departmental Welfare Pages:**

HHS/Administration for Children and Families

HHS/Effects on Medicaid

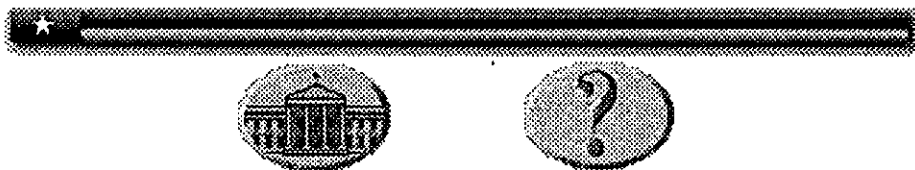
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Social Security Administration

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You may recall some discussion on a White House welfare web page. It was held up because of a little HHS snag and then it dropped off the radar screen for awhile. Well, if you still think it is a worthwhile thing to do - I have left a draft for you to take a look at - we can make it happen.

Basically the page is a link to all the agency pages on welfare. There is no original content from the White House. There can be - but their isn't right now.

Originally, a staffer from HHS was to work on the page, but as of yesterday they were pulled off the assignment, so the page is designed for little to no daily updating.

Let me know if this is something that you would like to move forward on or put on hold until the DPC reorg is complete. Thanks.