

**Social Services Estimating Conference**  
**Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Assistance Payments**  
**November 16, 2020**  
**Executive Summary**

The Social Services Estimating Conference convened on November 16, 2020, to adopt the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) forecast for FY 2020-21 through FY 2025-26. Looking at the combined total of the four component programs, the Conference adopted an overall caseload and expenditure forecast that was slightly lower than the July forecast for FY 2020-21. The remaining fiscal years in the forecast period have slightly higher caseloads with lower expenditures.

The new caseload projections for the Relative Caregiver category are lower than the prior estimates throughout the forecast, while the new caseload projections for the Child Only Cases category were increased based on the experience since July. The anticipated cases for both the Families with Adults and Unemployed Parent categories were left unchanged from July, a nod to the uncertainty surrounding both categories that is arising from the future course of the COVID-19 pandemic and its differential effects on unemployment.

Overall expenditures are forecasted to be \$157.8 million for FY 2020-21, which is \$42.9 million above the appropriated level or \$1.2 million below the last forecasted level. The different effects on funding levels is magnified by the shift of \$9.2 million from the Relative Caregiver program to the Guardianship Assistance Program<sup>1</sup> during the 2020 Session in accordance with the department's request. Total expenditures are then expected to drop to \$148.5 million in FY 2021-22 (a decrease of \$0.1 million from the last forecast) and then steadily decline for the remaining fiscal years.

**TANF CASELOAD AND EXPENDITURE FORECAST**

Fiscal Year	Caseload			Expenditures (\$ mill.)		
	July	November	Diff.	July	November	Diff.
<b>Total Program</b>						
FY 2020-21	47,597	47,555	-42	158.9	157.8	-1.2
FY 2021-22	45,218	45,449	231	148.7	148.5	-0.1
FY 2022-23	44,670	44,901	231	147.3	147.2	-0.2
FY 2023-24	42,947	43,178	231	139.8	139.6	-0.1
FY 2024-25	41,788	42,019	231	135.3	135.1	-0.2
FY 2025-26	40,178	40,409	231	129.1	129.0	-0.2

NOTE: The calculation of differences is affected by rounding used in the display.

<sup>1</sup> The Guardianship Assistance Program accompanies the existing Relative Caregiver Program and TANF Child-Only Program as guardianship options available to provide financial assistance to eligible caregivers. The Guardianship Assistance Program took effect July 1, 2019. Individuals currently receiving subsidies under the Relative and Nonrelative caregiver programs will continue in these programs, while new caregivers will be able to select from the Relative/Nonrelative or Guardianship Assistance Programs.

## TANF CASELOAD AND EXPENDITURE FORECAST DETAIL

Fiscal Year	Caseload			Expenditures (\$ mill.)		
	July	November	Diff.	July	November	Diff.
<b>Relative Caregiver</b>						
FY 2020-21	16,461	15,981	-480	52.8	51.6	-1.3
FY 2021-22	16,461	16,315	-146	52.8	52.5	-0.3
FY 2022-23	16,461	16,315	-146	52.8	52.5	-0.3
FY 2023-24	16,461	16,315	-146	52.8	52.5	-0.3
FY 2024-25	16,461	16,315	-146	52.8	52.5	-0.3
FY 2025-26	16,461	16,315	-146	52.8	52.5	-0.3
<b>Child Only Cases</b>						
FY 2020-21	12,562	13,000	438	33.8	33.9	0.1
FY 2021-22	12,562	12,939	377	33.8	34.0	0.1
FY 2022-23	12,562	12,939	377	33.8	34.0	0.1
FY 2023-24	12,562	12,939	377	33.8	34.0	0.1
FY 2024-25	12,562	12,939	377	33.8	34.0	0.1
FY 2025-26	12,562	12,939	377	33.8	34.0	0.1
<b>Families with Adult</b>						
FY 2020-21	15,646	15,646	0	59.0	59.0	0.0
FY 2021-22	13,800	13,800	0	52.1	52.1	0.0
FY 2022-23	13,281	13,281	0	51.3	51.3	0.0
FY 2023-24	11,722	11,722	0	44.6	44.6	0.0
FY 2024-25	10,635	10,635	0	40.4	40.4	0.0
FY 2025-26	9,577	9,577	0	36.1	36.1	0.0
<b>Unemployed Parent</b>						
FY 2020-21	2,928	2,928	0	13.3	13.3	0.0
FY 2021-22	2,395	2,395	0	9.9	9.9	0.0
FY 2022-23	2,366	2,366	0	9.4	9.4	0.0
FY 2023-24	2,202	2,202	0	8.5	8.5	0.0
FY 2024-25	2,130	2,130	0	8.2	8.2	0.0
FY 2025-26	1,578	1,578	0	6.3	6.3	0.0