

Coordinating Assistance for TANF Recipients Act

Coordinated Case Management to Better Serve Our Most Vulnerable

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Individuals who apply for TANF assistance often also receive benefits and services from other programs. In many cases, the individual must meet with multiple caseworkers and visit different offices to receive these benefits and to meet the different requirements of each program. They may also have to make repeat visits to these various caseworkers as their circumstances change over time.

The Coordinating Assistance for TANF Recipients Act works to solve this problem by taking the following steps:

- This bill sets aside \$300 million for States to test methods of coordinating case management between multiple programs to better help individuals receiving TANF assistance and other benefits find jobs and become self-sufficient.
- Funding provided by this bill could be used to:
 - Pay for case managers to coordinate benefits across programs;
 - Improve coordination between multiple welfare programs;
 - Allow welfare recipients to choose between multiple service providers;
 - Provide benefits to recipients who may be discouraged from working because of how their benefits may change when they work or earn more; and
 - Improve IT systems to better coordinate benefits and services for welfare recipients.
- Each project would be studied using a high-quality evaluation to determine whether the coordinated case management project was effective in helping welfare recipients move into work.
- HHS would have to submit recommendations to Congress on ways to improve case management and better coordinate benefits and services for TANF families based on the outcomes of these projects.