

**Department of Human Services
Health Services Committee
Senator Lee, Chairman
November 4, 2015**

Chairman Lee, members of the Health Services Committee, I am Carol Cartledge, Director of the Economic Assistance Division, for the Department of Human Services (Department). I am here today to provide information on the program limits with the Economic Assistance area and an update on the Jobs Opportunities and Basic Skills (JOBS) under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. Arlene Dura will be providing separate testimony on Electronic Benefit Transfer retailers and information on the training and education component of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

Program Limits

The [attached charts](#) provide the current Economic Assistance program income limits. Program income limits are adjusted as follows:

- Child Care Assistance program (CCAP) income limits and co-payments are adjusted to 85% state median income July of each year.
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance program (LIHEAP) income limits are adjusted to 60% of state median income October of each year.
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) income limits are adjusted to 130% of the Federal Poverty Level in October of each year.
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families – Based on appropriations for 2015-2017, 2% increase each year of the biennium. The TANF standard of need table was increased by 2% on August 1, 2015.

- Medicaid and Healthy Steps (CHIP) income limits are adjusted in April of each year as a result of any updates to the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

Jobs Opportunities and Basic Skills (JOBS)

JOBS is the companion program to the TANF Program, which combines components of education, training, and employment to enable TANF participants to become self-sufficient. Parents with a child younger than six must participate in a work activity for at least an average of 20 hours a week and parents with a child older than six must participate an average of 30 hours a week to count in the overall participation rate.

The federal work participation rate for all participants is 50%. North Dakota's TANF work participation rate for FFY 2014 was 71%. The average number of total participants is 1,806 for the March – September 2015 quarters. The average monthly cost per case paid to employment contractors for client services is \$324 per month. The average number of months a household is enrolled in TANF is currently at 10 months for March – August 2015.

This concludes my testimony and I would be happy to answer any questions.

North Dakota Child Care Assistance Program
 Sliding Fee Schedule
 Effective August 1, 2015

LL - Lower Income Limit
 UL - Upper Income Limit
 SMI - State Median Income

HH Size	Level 1 (10% of SMI)			Level 2 (20% of SMI)			Level 3 (30% of SMI)			Level 4 (40% of SMI)			Level 5 (50% of SMI)			Level 6 (60% of SMI)			Level 7 (70% of SMI)			Level 8 (85% of SMI)			HH Size
	LL	UL	Copay																						
1	0	\$385	\$4	\$386	\$769	\$12	\$770	\$1,154	\$24	\$1,155	\$1,538	\$47	\$1,539	\$1,923	\$68	\$1,924	\$2,307	\$93	\$2,308	\$2,692	\$122	\$2,693	\$3,268	\$164	1
2	\$0	\$503	\$6	\$504	\$1,006	\$16	\$1,007	\$1,508	\$31	\$1,509	\$2,011	\$61	\$2,012	\$2,514	\$88	\$2,515	\$3,017	\$121	\$3,018	\$3,520	\$159	\$3,521	\$4,274	\$214	2
3	\$0	\$621	\$7	\$622	\$1,242	\$19	\$1,243	\$1,863	\$38	\$1,864	\$2,484	\$75	\$2,485	\$3,106	\$109	\$3,107	\$3,727	\$150	\$3,728	\$4,348	\$196	\$4,349	\$5,279	\$264	3
4	\$0	\$739	\$8	\$740	\$1,479	\$23	\$1,480	\$2,218	\$45	\$2,219	\$2,958	\$89	\$2,959	\$3,697	\$130	\$3,698	\$4,436	\$178	\$4,437	\$5,176	\$233	\$5,177	\$6,285	\$315	4
5	\$0	\$858	\$9	\$859	\$1,715	\$26	\$1,716	\$2,573	\$52	\$2,574	\$3,431	\$103	\$3,432	\$4,289	\$151	\$4,290	\$5,146	\$206	\$5,147	\$6,004	\$271	\$6,005	\$7,290	\$365	5
6	\$0	\$976	\$10	\$977	\$1,952	\$30	\$1,953	\$2,928	\$59	\$2,929	\$3,904	\$118	\$3,905	\$4,880	\$171	\$4,881	\$5,856	\$235	\$5,857	\$6,832	\$308	\$6,833	\$8,296	\$415	6
7	\$0	\$998	\$10	\$999	\$1,996	\$30	\$1,997	\$2,995	\$60	\$2,996	\$3,993	\$120	\$3,994	\$4,991	\$175	\$4,992	\$5,989	\$240	\$5,990	\$6,987	\$315	\$6,988	\$8,485	\$425	7
8	\$0	\$1,020	\$11	\$1,021	\$2,041	\$31	\$2,042	\$3,061	\$62	\$3,062	\$4,081	\$123	\$4,082	\$5,102	\$179	\$5,103	\$6,122	\$245	\$6,123	\$7,142	\$322	\$7,143	\$8,673	\$434	8

State Provider Rates

Allowable Maximum Rates for Level of Care Full Time (FT)
 (25 or more hours per week)

Provider Type	Infant (Birth to 2)	Toddler (2 and 3)	Preschool (4 and 5)	Other (6 up to 13)
CENTER	\$663.00	\$600.00	\$565.00	\$500.00
C, E, K, M	\$165.75 (weekly)	\$150.00 (weekly)	\$141.25 (weekly)	\$125.00 (weekly)
LICENSED FAMILY/GROUP	\$480.00	\$470.00	\$460.00	\$400.00
F, G, H	\$120.00 (weekly)	\$117.50 (weekly)	\$115.00 (weekly)	\$100.00 (weekly)
SELF-DECLARATION	\$370.00	\$340.00	\$332.00	\$320.00
REGISTERED	\$92.50 (weekly)	\$85.00 (weekly)	\$83.00 (weekly)	\$80.00 (weekly)
S, R, I				
APPROVED RELATIVE	\$300.00	\$280.00	\$272.00	\$260.00
Q, I	\$75.00 (weekly)	\$70.00 (weekly)	\$68.00 (weekly)	\$65.00 (weekly)

Allowable Maximum Rates for Level of Care Part Time (PT)
 (14 up to 25 hours per week)

Infant (Birth to 2)	Toddler (2 and 3)	Preschool (4 and 5)	Other (6 up to 13)
\$398.00	\$360.00	\$339.00	\$300.00
\$99.50 (weekly)	\$90.00 (weekly)	\$84.75 (weekly)	\$75.00 (weekly)
\$288.00	\$282.00	\$276.00	\$240.00
\$72.00 (weekly)	\$70.50 (weekly)	\$69.00 (weekly)	\$60.00 (weekly)
\$222.00	\$204.00	\$199.00	\$192.00
\$55.50 (weekly)	\$51.00 (weekly)	\$49.75 (weekly)	\$48.00 (weekly)
\$180.00	\$168.00	\$163.00	\$156.00
\$45.00 (weekly)	\$42.00 (weekly)	\$40.75 (weekly)	\$39.00 (weekly)

Allowable Maximums for Hourly (HR) Level of Care
 (less than 14 hours per week) \$2.75 per hour
 Allowable Maximum Rate for Hourly - \$153.00

Economic Assistance Program Income Limits

LIHEAP Income Levels FY2016

HH Size	Annual Limit	Monthly Limit
1	\$27,682	\$2,307
2	\$36,200	\$3,017
3	\$44,717	\$3,726
4	\$53,235	\$4,436
5	\$61,753	\$5,146
6	\$70,270	\$5,856
7	\$71,867	\$5,989
8	\$73,464	\$6,122
Furnace Cleaning (Billed Amt Up To)		\$150 Maximum per HH
HH Asset Maximum		\$10,000 +
add'l \$5,000 for each HH member age 60 and over		

SNAP Deductions/Expense Limits 10/15

Standard Deduction by HH size				Eff 10/15
1-3	4	5	6+	
\$155	\$165-168	\$193-197	\$221-226	
Earned Income Disregard			20%	
Dependent Care:				Actual out of pocket costs
Standard Medical Exp.		4/2013	\$200	
Maximum Shelter Deduction		10/15	\$504	
Minimum Benefit		10/14	\$16	
Standard Utilities - HLSU		10/15	\$611	
Limited (2 utilities) - LUSA		10/15	\$226	
Minimum One Utility) MU		10/15	\$191	
Telephone Standard -TL		10/15	\$35	
Vehicle Fair Market Value			\$4,650	

SNAP Income Levels

Eff. 10/15

HH Size	200% Gross	130% Gross	100% Net
1	\$1,962	\$1,276	981
2	2,656	1,726	1,328
3	3,350	2,177	1,675
4	4,042	2,628	2,021
5	4,736	3,078	2,368
6	5,430	3,529	2,715
7	6,122	3,980	3,061
8	6,816	4,430	3,408

TANF Standard of Need		Eff. 6-01-2010 one Standard of Need Chart (\$50 independent living=Special Item of Need)										
# Caretakers	Number of Children											Contact Policy
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	For
0 elig caretakers	0	166	243	316	393	466	543	617	693	767	843	HH's
1 elig caretaker	237	335	436	533	632	731	830	929	1028	1127	1225	Over
2 elig caretakers	335	436	533	632	731	830	929	1028	1127	1225	1325	Ten

ACA Medicaid Income Levels – Effective April 1, 2015

HH Size	Parents and Caretakers (Approx. 54% of PL - no 5% disregard)		Parents, and Caretakers over age 65, or Medicare or SSI Eligible (Approx. 54% of PL + 5%)		Adults age 19 and 20 and Medically Needy for Pregnant Women (90% of PL)		Medically Needy Individuals up to age 21 (92% PL)		Medically Needy Parents and Caretaker Relatives (93% PL)		Adult (age 19 to 65) Expansion Group & Children (Ages 6 to 19) (138% of PL)		Pregnant Women & Children (Ages 0 to 6) (152% PL)		Healthy Steps – Children up to age 19 (175% PL)	
	Monthly	Yearly	Monthly	Yearly	Monthly	Yearly	Monthly	Yearly	Monthly	Yearly	Monthly	Yearly	Monthly	Yearly	Monthly	Yearly
1	\$517	\$6,204	\$566	\$6,792	\$ 882	\$10,593	\$ 902	\$10,828	\$912	\$10946	\$1353	\$16243	\$1490	\$17890	\$1710	\$20598
2	694	\$8,328	760	\$9,120	1194	14,337	1221	14,656	1234	14815	1831	21983	2017	24214	2323	27878
3	871	\$10,452	955	\$11,460	1506	18,081	1540	18,483	1556	18684	2310	27724	2544	30537	2929	35158
4	1048	\$12,576	1149	\$13,788	1818	21,825	1859	22,310	1879	22553	2788	33465	3071	36860	3536	42438
5	1226	\$14,712	1344	\$16,128	2130	25,569	2178	26,137	2201	26421	3267	39206	3598	43183	4143	49718
6	1403	\$16,836	1539	\$18,468	2442	29,313	2497	29,964	2524	30290	3745	44947	4125	49506	4749	56998
7	1580	\$18,960	1733	\$20,796	2754	33,057	2815	33,792	2846	34159	4223	50687	4652	55830	5356	64278
8	1757	\$21,084	1927	\$23,124	3066	36,801	3134	37,619	3168	38028	4702	56428	5179	62153	5963	71558
9	1934	\$23,208	2122	\$25,464	3378	40,545	3453	41,446	3491	41897	5180	62169	5706	68476	6569	78838
10	2111	\$25,332	2316	\$27,792	3690	44,289	3772	45,273	3813	45765	5659	67910	6233	74799	7176	86118
+1	178	\$2,136	195	\$2,339	\$ 312	\$3,744	\$318	\$3,827	322	\$3,869	\$478	\$5,741	\$526	\$6,323	\$606	\$7,280

Non-ACA Medicaid Income Levels Effective April 1, 2015

Family Size	SSI Eff.01-01-2014	Medically Needy 83% of Poverty	QMB 100% of Poverty	SLMB 120% of Poverty	QI-1 135% of Poverty	Children with Disabilities & Women's Way 200% of Poverty	Workers with Disabilities 225% of Poverty
1	\$733	\$814	\$980	\$1,177	\$1,324	\$1,961	\$2,206
2	\$1,100	\$1,101	\$1,327	\$1,593	\$1,792	\$2,655	\$2,986
3		\$1,389	\$1,674	\$2,009	\$2,260	\$3,348	\$3,766
4		\$1,677	\$2,020	\$2,425	\$2,728	\$4,041	\$4,546
5		\$1,965	\$2,367	\$2,841	\$3,196	\$4,735	\$5,326
6		\$2,252	\$2,714	\$3,257	\$3,664	\$5,428	\$6,106
7		\$2,540	\$3,060	\$3,673	\$4,132	\$6,121	\$6,886
8		\$2,828	\$3,407	\$4,089	\$4,600	\$6,815	\$7,666
9		\$3,115	\$3,754	\$4,505	\$5,068	\$7,508	\$8,446
10		\$3,403	\$4,100	\$4,921	\$5,536	\$8,201	\$9,226
+1		\$287	\$346	\$416	\$468	\$693	\$780

Maintenance of Effort Income Level Chart – Effective April 1, 2015

Household Size	111% of Federal Poverty Level		133% of Federal Poverty Level	
	Monthly	Yearly	Monthly	Yearly
	1	\$1,088	\$13,065	\$1,304
2	\$1,473	\$17,682	\$1,765	\$21,187
3	\$1,858	\$22,300	\$2,226	\$26,720
4	\$2,243	\$26,918	\$2,687	\$32,253
5	\$2,627	\$31,535	\$3,148	\$37,785
6	\$3,012	\$36,153	\$3,609	\$43,318
7	\$3,397	\$40,770	\$4,070	\$48,851
8	\$3,782	\$45,388	\$4,531	\$54,384
9	\$4,167	\$50,006	\$4,993	\$59,917
10	\$4,551	\$54,623	\$5,454	\$65,449
+1	\$384	\$4,618	\$461	\$5,533