

General Information Memorandum

ISD-GI 16-07

TO: ISD and SL Start Employees
FROM:  Marilyn Martinez, Director, Income Support Division
RE: Santo Domingo Tribal TANF
DATE: March 4, 2016

The purpose of this GI is to inform the field staff that effective April 1, 2016, Santo Domingo Pueblo will be authorized to approve Tribal TANF in their service area.

The Department will still accept the application for TANF benefits. However, the caseworker will review the application and determine if any of the following applies:

- Zip Code of 87502 and Claim Tribal Membership
- Disclosed at interview they reside in Santo Domingo and claim Tribal Membership
- Physical Residence is in the area below and claim Tribal Membership



Before eligibility for Federal TANF by the State of New Mexico can be determined, the caseworker will need to explain to the applicant they must apply for Tribal TANF through the Santo Domingo Tribal TANF Program. The caseworker must inform the applicant that they will

need to provide documentation that the Tribal TANF has been denied. For any reason a denial letter for Tribal TANF is provided to the Department, the Department will review the reason of denial. If the letter of denial indicates that the person failed to provide information, failed to cooperate with the application process, failed to comply with any Tribal TANF non-financial eligibility criteria, or the benefit group is currently within a sanction period involving total benefit group ineligibility, the application for the TANF benefits will also be denied.

HSD Active Federal TANF cases where the participant resides in the Santo Domingo Tribal TANF area will close effective April 1, 2016. A letter will be issued to the participant on March 8, 2016, with instructions of what needs to be done in order to continue to receive TANF or Tribal TANF benefits.

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