

Family Violence Option/Domestic Violence Waivers

Current TANF regulations require that we track TANF/TA-DVS requirements that are waived due to the risk of domestic violence in order to remove those cases from mandatory work attachment case counts. These cases are expected to have case plans focused on the clients needs related to domestic violence and to the extent possible, without putting the client at further risk, activities that will eventually lead to work. They must be developed by someone who has had domestic violence training and need to be reviewed at a minimum of every six months.

Tracking The Waivers...

On TRACS, under the case plan section, there is a DV flag that should be used whenever you waive a TANF/TA-DVS requirement related to domestic violence.

The Flag which is labeled - “DOM VIOL” requires a code of “no” or one of several other options. Examples of things that can be waived and how you would code them on TRACS.

Use the “No” under the waiver flag:

- ‘ When there are no TANF/TA-DVS requirements being waived due to domestic violence.
- ‘ In cases where domestic violence is not a factor

Use the *Work and JOBS* waiver reason code:

- ‘ When required hours of participation are reduced due to domestic violence
- ‘ When participating in specific activities would put a client at risk
- ‘ When a job quit is due to domestic violence
- ‘ When other JOBS or work requirements are waived due to an increased risk of domestic violence

Use the *Penalties* waiver reason code:

- ‘ When non-cooperation with child support is due to domestic violence concerns (i.e. Good Cause given for non-cooperation).
- ‘ When non-cooperation with JOBS is due to domestic violence concerns (e.g. Good Cause was granted for non-cooperation due to the impact of domestic violence or disqualifications removed due to domestic violence)

- ' When overpayments or fraud are a result of actions by the abuser or the abusers control over the victim
- ' When other penalties would have been assessed as a result of domestic violence and/or if the penalty would put the client at risk of further domestic violence (i.e. pursuing an overpayment; IPV or other penalty that names the abuser and the victim and pursuit would potentially give the abuser knowledge of the victims address or other information.)
- ' When waiving penalties for failure to comply with a program requirement

Use the *Non-Financial* waiver reason code:

- ' When waiving the requirement for the client to be in her last month of pregnancy
- ' When waiving Citizenship requirements due to domestic violence
- ' When waiving the requirement or expectation that children will be in the home within 30 days
- ' When waiving residency due to risk of or flight from domestic violence
- ' Family caps if or when such provisions are placed in policy
- ' When other non-financial requirements would put the client at risk of further/future domestic violence

Use the *Financial* waiver reason code:

- ' When you're waiving income controlled by the abuser
- ' When you're waiving income used to flee the violence
- ' When you're waiving other financial requirements that pursuit may put the client at risk of domestic violence

Use the *time-limits* waiver reason code:

- ' When waiving the federal 5 year lifetime time limit requirements and the time limit would put the client at further risk of domestic violence

In addition to using the waiver codes for tracking participation, we will also be using the DV intervention activity (step) and the DVS needs/resource code when there is a Program 2 case that does not meet work attachment participation hours.