



STATE OF WASHINGTON

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Frank Shields, Regional Program Manager for TANF  
Administration for Children and Families  
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Dear Mr. Shields:

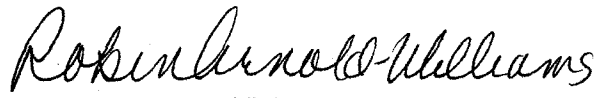
I am pleased to submit Washington's State Plan for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program. This submission is being made pursuant to Section 402 of P. L. 104-193, the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (42 U.S.C. 602), in order to maintain Washington State's status as an eligible state for TANF block grant funding for Federal Fiscal Years 2009 and 2010, which began October 1, 2008.

On August 25, the Economic Services Administration, Department of Social and Health Services, announced the beginning of the federally-required 45-day comment period for the TANF State Plan which ended on October 9, 2008. We did not receive any public comments during the review period.

The enclosed Plan includes technical corrections and references to Maintenance of Effort (MOE) programs. A detailed summary of these changes can be found in the Introduction of the Plan beginning on page vi. The Plan now accurately reflects the TANF Program as it currently exists in Washington State and can be viewed on the Internet at: <http://www.workfirst.wa.gov/about/tanf.asp>.

We look forward to hearing from you regarding the completeness of the Washington TANF State Plan, and working with the Department of Health and Human Services in the continued operation of the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Program in this state. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

  
Robin Arnold-Williams  
Secretary

Enclosures

cc: Troy Hutson, Assistant Secretary, DSHS