

ENROLLED ACT NO. 81, SENATE

SIXTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2015 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to the personal opportunity with employment responsibilities (POWER) program; amending eligibility criteria; amending sanctions for noncompliance with a self-sufficiency plan; amending beneficiary reporting requirements; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. W.S. 42-2-103(e)(iv)(intro) and (v) is amended to read:

42-2-103. Provision of assistance and services; duties of department; burial assistance; state supplemental security income program.

(e) In administering this section and in addition to other requirements imposed under this chapter and the Wyoming Medical Assistance and Services Act and federal rule and regulation, the department shall by rule and regulation:

(iv) Establish only one (1) earned income disregard for determining assistance payable under W.S. 42-2-104 at ~~two hundred dollars (\$200.00)~~ six hundred dollars (\$600.00) per month for any one (1) recipient. For married couples the earned income disregard shall be ~~four hundred dollars (\$400.00)~~ one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200.00) per month. The department may in addition establish an additional individual earned income disregard tailored to the individual person as part of that person's self-sufficiency plan developed pursuant to paragraph (v) of this subsection, provided:

(v) In accordance with guidelines and criteria prescribed by rule and regulation of the department and

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unless otherwise qualifying for a good cause exemption pursuant to rule and regulation of the department, require the development of and adherence to a self-sufficiency plan with guidelines and assistance provided by the department, as a condition for benefit eligibility under the personal opportunities with employment responsibilities (POWER) program. A self-sufficiency plan including timely completion of an approved educational program complying with W.S. 42-2-109(a) shall be deemed to meet the requirements of this subsection if adhered to. Any person not qualifying for a good cause exemption and failing to comply with this paragraph shall be sanctioned, ~~to include disqualification~~ under the personal opportunities with employment responsibilities (POWER) program. ~~and be disqualified from receiving benefits under the supplemental nutrition assistance and medical assistance programs. The sanction shall be established at a level which would continue to assure children in a noncompliance household would be eligible for supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits and Medicaid.~~ Subject to procedure prescribed by department regulation, any recipient may at any time request a good cause exemption from the requirements of this section;

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Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2015.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

Chief Clerk