

## NEED STANDARD TABLES

The Alaska Temporary Assistance Program (ATAP) is operated by Alaska's Department of Health and Social Services with federal and state commingled TANF funds. There are, however, other services provided by segregated federal TANF funds to promote parental responsibility, work, reduce out-of-wedlock pregnancies and encourage the formation of two-parent families. Eligibility for other programs is described within the chapter "Other TANF Services".

### ATAP Income Eligibility Requirements

The Alaska Temporary Assistance Program financial eligibility requirements are referred to in Item 13 "Family Need" of the TANF plan. ATAP applicants must pass two income eligibility tests to participate in the program: (1) the 185% test and (2) the need standard test. To pass the 185% test, the applicant's gross income must meet or fall below the income amount identified in the 185% test. To pass the need standard test, the applicant's income must meet or fall below the amount identified in the need standard after work incentive deductions have been applied. Alaska uses four sets of standards to determine if a family is eligible to receive ATAP benefits based on the family unit composition. Standards are adjusted annually by a percentage increase equal to the cost of living percentage increase in SSI benefits for that year.

1. Standards used, as of January 2008, for ATAP family units consisting of one caretaker relative or two parents who are both able to perform gainful activity.

# of people in ATAP family unit			
One caretaker relative	Two-parent family	185% standard	Need standard
2	3	\$2,275	\$1,230
3	4	2,560	1,384
4	5	2,845	1,538
5	6	3,130	1,692
6	7	3,415	1,846
7	8	3,700	2,000
each additional child		284	154

2. Standards used, as of January 2008, when the ATAP family unit includes two parents and one parent is physically or mentally unable to perform gainful activity.

# of people in ATAP family unit	185% standard	Need standard
3	\$2,560	\$1,384
4	2,845	1,538
5	3,130	1,692
6	3,415	1,846
7	3,700	2,000
8	3,984	2,154
each additional child	284	154

3. Standards used, as of January 2008, when no caretaker relative is included in the ATAP family unit.

# of people in ATAP family unit	185% standard	Need standard
1	\$1,250	\$676
2	1,535	830
3	1,820	984
4	2,105	1,138
5	2,390	1,292
6	2,675	1,446
7	2,960	1,600
each additional child	284	159

4. Standard used, as of January 2008, when the ATAP family unit consists of a pregnant woman who has no other children eligible to receive ATAP benefits is:

185 % standard	Need standard
\$1,424	\$770