Attachment to Questionnaire Summary of Changes

New Forms - DWS/TEA-1, 65, 175-178,181,187-188,196-198, 1400, 1402, 1404-1416, 1420-1422, 1427, 1429-1433, 1437, 1446

Amended Rule - Effective September 30, 2007, revisions to the TEA policy and procedures are being made to comply with Arkansas Act 514 of 2007.

TEA Policy 3350-3351 and 3500-3524, client has been removed and replaced with participant. Case manager has been replaced with worker for individuals handling sanctioned cases. Progressive sanction has been removed and replaced with non-compliance sanction. Progressive sanction process has been replaced with new non-compliance process.

The sanction process is as follows:

- 1. TEA benefits will be suspended for one (1) month.
- 2. If the participant fails to comply after the benefits have been suspended, the suspended payment will be lost.
- 3. In addition to losing the suspended payment, the monthly benefit amount will be reduced by 25% for up to three (3) months of noncompliance.
- 4. If the participant's non-compliance continues after the fourth (4) month, a second suspension period will be imposed for two (2) months. The suspended benefits are at the full payment level.
- 5. If the participant fails to comply after the benefits have been suspended a second time, the suspended benefits will be lost. In addition to losing the suspended payments, the monthly benefit amount will be paid at the 50% reduced level for up to three (3) months.
- 6. Case closure

If during the suspension period(s) the participant becomes compliant within fifteen (15) business days of suspension period and maintains compliance for two (2) weeks, the suspended TEA payment will be paid to the participant.

Throughout this section of policy revisions have been made to determining good cause, applying the non-compliance sanction, home visits and contacts during the non-compliance sanction, lifting the sanction and reapplication after closure.