

[(d)] (D) A local department shall pay temporary cash assistance beginning 14 days after the application of a qualified recipient.

[(e)] (E) The Secretary may not include in regulations adopted under this subtitle a provision that would count as unearned income to a family in calculating the family's eligibility for the FIP Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits provided to an adult or child who resides in the family.

[(f)] (F) (1) This subsection does not apply to a birth resulting from rape or incest.

(2) Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, temporary cash assistance may not include the increment in cash benefits under the program for which a recipient would otherwise be eligible as a result of the birth of a child 10 or more months after the recipient's initial application for temporary cash assistance benefits.

(3) Cash payments for a child may not be made to a family other than the child's family unless the Social Services Administration has placed the child with the other family.

(4) The Department shall provide for a recipient ineligible for an increment in cash benefits under this subsection a child-specific benefit not to exceed the value of the increment eliminated by this subsection for the purchase of goods specified by the Department as suitable for the care of a minor.

(5) A local department may pay an administrative fee to a third party payee to cover the administrative costs of the third party payee for managing the child-specific benefit.

(6) The Secretary shall adopt regulations specifying the selection criteria for third party payees under this subsection.

[(g)] (G) (1) The Secretary shall establish by regulation a schedule of reductions and terminations of temporary cash assistance for noncompliance with FIP requirements.

(2) Once an individual is found to be not in compliance with FIP requirements, the caseworker shall investigate the reasons for noncompliance.

(3) The investigation, to the extent resources permit, shall include, but not be limited to, personal contact with the family unit.

(4) The Secretary may reduce or terminate temporary cash assistance to a family no earlier than 30 days subsequent to the first written notice sent of noncompliance.

(5) For noncompliance with any FIP requirement other than a work activity, temporary cash assistance shall be resumed upon compliance with the FIP requirement.

(6) For noncompliance with a work activity, temporary cash assistance shall be resumed in the following manner: