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	Effective Date	January 1, 2023

I. STATEMENT OF POLICY

Each FITAP client who is a parent included in the assistance unit may receive cash assistance for no more than 24 months in a 60-month period, unless granted an extension as described in [B-1740-FITAP](#).

B-1721-FITAP - PO COUNTING THE 24 MONTHS

In determining months which count toward the 24-month time-limit, *** LITE will **** count all months of receipt of FITAP benefits in Louisiana in which:

- the parent (including a legal stepparent) is included in the assistance unit, or
- no cash benefits are paid because of the "less than \$10 deficit rule".

*** LITE will **** not count months in which:

- the disability or incapacity of the parent has been established in accordance with section [C-1510-FITAP](#) , or
- the parent has earned income and is eligible to receive the \$900 time-limited deduction in accordance with [B-650-FITAP](#), section B-651-3-FITAP. This applies only to months after June 1999 in which the \$900 deduction was allowed.

Note: Any month in which an exemption is granted is not considered as a month of receipt of benefits when counting months of benefits for the 24-month time limit.


B-1722-FITAP - PO **RESERVED**

B-1723-FITAP - PO 24-MONTH FAMILY TRANSITION

*** For FITAP intake applications and FITAP ineligible alien cases: ****

In the twenty-second month, during normal case *** maintenance**** activities, *** an **** assessment should occur by asking questions about the family's situation to determine if there are extenuating circumstances that might warrant an extension. The *** DCFS **** worker must not create the perception that an extension is automatic.

B-1724-FITAP – PO **RESERVED**

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II. PROCEDURES

B-1721-FITAP - PR COUNTING THE 24 MONTHS

There are no procedures associated with this policy.

B-1722-FITAP – PR **RESERVED**

B-1723-FITAP - PR 24-MONTH FAMILY TRANSITION

* In the 22nd month of benefits, LITE will send the automated Transition Resource Letter (OFS 8) ** so the client is aware of various federal, state, or local programs and services available to assist the client family with the transition.

The * DCFS analyst ** and supervisor will jointly determine if an extension should be granted for the client. ***

B-1724-FITAP - PR * **RESERVED** **

III. FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS

* There are no forms associated with this policy. **

IV. REFERENCES

[LAC 67:III.1247](#)