## PART 1 – Eligibility Changes Made Since FY 2005

(Complete this section for EACH change)

1. Name of eligibility change: ARKANSAS WORK PAYS PROGRAM

2. Implementation date of eligibility change: July 1, 2006

3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy: Arkansas Act 1705 of 2005 established the WORK PAYS Program. WORK PAYS is a post-employment program that provides a monthly cash assistance payment to TANF participants who are employed and maintain employment. Designed to support and encourage work among employed Transitional Employment Assistance (TEA) clients who are no longer eligible for a regular TEA cash assistance benefit, WORK PAYS provides a benefit to parents who remain employed after closure of their TEA case while increasing their hours of work and/or hourly wage. WORK PAYS assistance is limited to 24 months and the participant must be the parent of a minor child, and meet income and employment requirements. Benefits are also available to 2-parent families.

4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change (attach supporting materials to this form): Using available program data, the monthly number of WORK PAYS participants is entered in the “net impact” table to derive the average monthly number of participants receiving this special benefit. The same methodology is used for 2-parent families.

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: 98
Date of Completion: December 15, 2021

State: ARKANSAS
Fiscal Year to which credit applies: 2022

PART 2 – Estimate of Caseload Reduction Credit

(Complete Part 2 using Excel Workbook provided.) See attached Excel Workbook, Form ACF-202 Part 2. As reflected in the Workbook, the only policy change (WORK PAYS) that Arkansas has made increases the caseload. The actual reported caseload shows a significant decline since 2005. Combined with excess MOE, Arkansas’ Caseload Reduction Credit is 82.9%, which should also be applied to the two-parent participation requirement.
PART 3 -- Certification

I certify that we have provided the public an appropriate opportunity to comment on the estimates and methodology used to complete this report and considered those comments in completing it. Further, I certify that this report incorporates all reductions in the caseload resulting from State eligibility changes and changes in Federal requirements since Fiscal Year 2005.

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