

TANF Program Electronic Payment Options



Either way, you win.

Electronic payments are faster, safer and more reliable than paper checks. See the comparison below to decide which option is best for you – direct deposit to a bank account or to the U.S. Bank ReliaCard.[®]

About Your Payment Options

Option 1: Direct Deposit

Your TANF payments will be automatically deposited into your checking or savings account and available on the 1st of the month. If the 1st falls on a weekend or a banking holiday, the payment is deposited on the next business day. If you choose Direct Deposit, your next scheduled payment will be deposited to your account following receipt of the completed Payment Authorization Form.

Option 2: The U.S. Bank ReliaCard

With the ReliaCard, your payments will be automatically deposited onto a Visa[®] Prepaid Debit Card and available on the 1st of the month. If the 1st falls on a weekend or a banking holiday, the payment is deposited on the next business day. There is no credit check and no bank account required. Use it to make purchases wherever Visa Debit Cards are accepted – online, at grocery stores, retail stores, restaurants, gas stations, medical offices, etc. If you choose the ReliaCard, you will receive your card in 5–7 business days. Once you have activated your card, your TANF payments will be deposited to your card on your next payment date.

Benefits	Option 1: Direct Deposit	Option 2: ReliaCard
Payments are immediately available	✓	✓
No extra trips to the bank or waiting in line to cash your check	✓	✓
No check cashing fees	✓	✓
No credit check ²	✓	✓
No banking relationship needed		✓
No fee to use U.S. Bank, MoneyPass [®] or SUM [™] ATMs ³		✓
Purchases are protected if lost or stolen ¹		✓

¹The Visa Zero Liability Policy protects you against unauthorized purchases. U.S.-issued cards only. This does not apply to ATM transactions or to PIN transactions not processed by Visa. You must immediately report any unauthorized use. ²Successful identity verification required. To help the government fight the funding of terrorism and money laundering activities, Federal law requires all financial institutions to obtain, verify, and record information that identifies each person who opens an account. If necessary, we may also ask to see your driver's license or other identifying documents. ³Fees may apply to all ATM transactions. Other non-U.S. Bank, non MoneyPass, or non-SUM ATM owners may assess a surcharge fee.

