



## TANF 104-2 Protective Payee

**Supersedes:** TANF 104-2 (7/1/07)

**Reference:** ARM 37.78.423 and .424

**Overview:** When a caretaker relative has clearly demonstrated an unwillingness or inability to use the family's assistance payments to meet the basic needs of the minor children in the household, an employee of the Child and Family Services Division (CFSD) will determine the necessity of a protective payee. A protective payee designation cannot be made solely on the fact the household bills are not paid on a timely basis.

**PROTECTIVE PAYEE DESIGNATION:**

The client must receive timely notice regarding the use of a protective payee.

The client may assist in the selection of the payee. The payee may not be directly involved in the determination of eligibility and/or authorization of benefits. A protective payee may only be issued benefits via warrant.

**PROTECTIVE PAYEE REVIEW:**

A review with a CFSD employee to determine the need for continuation of a protective payee must be made at least every six (6) months or sooner if circumstances indicate the necessity of a more frequent review.

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