**Appendix**

Definitions

Caseload: Number of families receiving TANF benefits

Work participation rate: Percentage of TANF recipients engaged in work-related activities

Caseload reduction credit: Percentage decrease in work participation rate from base year

Former adjusted standard: Work requirement, adjusted for caseload reduction credit with 2005 base year

New adjusted standard: Work requirement, adjusted for the caseload reduction credit with 2015 base year

Data and Methods

We rely on administrative data from the Office of Family Assistance, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in our analyses.

For a state to meet the federal TANF work requirement, its work participation rate must exceed the adjusted standard; i.e.,

*Work participation rate* ≥ 50 *̶ Caseload reduction credit*.

To simulate which states will meet the new adjusted standard in 2025, we assume that work participation rates will remain at levels observed during 2021 (the most recent year for which data are available) and project states’ caseload reduction credits for 2025. To do so, we impute the average annual rate of change in caseloads from 2015-2022 for the years 2023-2025.