

P-2347 Sanctions (con't)

P-2347B Sanctions in Households with Two Parents (B23-08)

Sanctions are applied at the individual level. In a two-parent household, both parents can be sanctioned for not engaging in Reach Up Services. If one parent is sanctioned, the other parent should be encouraged to follow through on their own plan to accomplish their

own goals. This may mean one parent is engaged, and the second parent may remain sanctioned.

Even if the non-sanctioned parent is engaged, the parent that is sanctioned may remain sanctioned until they meet with their case manager and update their own FDP and identify and develop a plan to work towards their own goals.

Case managers should consider what is preventing the sanctioned parent from participating in activities and attending appointments. Review the guidance offered at the beginning of the good cause, conciliation and sanction procedures. Offering home or community visits, phone check ins, and referrals to other services may help the parent lift the sanction. A family meeting with both parents is encouraged whenever appropriate.

Example:

John and Amanda are a couple included in the same Reach Up household. John is sanctioned for not attending appointments with his case manager. Amanda can continue to follow her FDP and work towards her goals. John would remain sanctioned until he met with his case manager and started to identify his own goals.

If it was discovered that John qualified for a deferment that would stop the clock on his countable months, the case manager would meet with John and Amanda to explain how countable months are determined. John's sanction may be lifted if the deferment he qualifies for impacts his ability to engage in the activities for which he was sanctioned.