

Act 136. Prenatal Engagement & Family Support Working Group Materials

Answers from the Department for Children and Families (DCF) Economic Services Division (ESD)

RE: Pregnancy Panel in Access Database

October 15, 2026

Beginning Information

The focus of the answers below is for Reach Up. For 3SVT, the pregnancy panel allows a time limited exemption code to be entered.

Specific Questions asked of ESD:

1. What is the purpose of the “Pregnancy Screen” in Access?

Assuming this question is referring to the Pregnancy Panel in ACCESS, for Reach Up, the panel is used to help determine eligibility.

- a. It helps determine whether the parent is eligible 30 or 90 days before the child is born.
- b. If the unborn child is the only child in the household and the Pregnancy Panel is not completed, ACCESS may deny the case because it will show no eligible child in the home.
- c. If the due date passes and the parent has not reported the child’s birth, the panel can flag staff to follow up and confirm whether the child has been born.
- d. The panel remains in ACCESS for 12 months, which allows Health Care to provide the parent with postpartum benefits.

2. Are pregnant individuals informed when their due date is added to the pregnancy screen?

No. Individuals are not specifically informed that their due date will be added to the Pregnancy Panel/Screen. It is not standard practice to notify participants or applicants about each individual data point entered into ACCESS. Staff are not specifically instructed to tell participants that their due date is being added to the Pregnancy Panel/Screen. However, the due date is discussed during the interview, including how it may affect their benefits.

3. What does “High Risk Pregnancy” mean on the pregnancy screen? How does a worker know whether to indicate yes or no?

A pregnant person that is 18 years of age or older and claims that they are unable to work due to a high-risk pregnancy is potentially eligible for Reach Up when the expected delivery date falls within the month of application or in the three-month period after the month of application. High risk pregnancy must be verified. The High Risk Pregnancy Medical Report (form 210HRP) may be used as verification or a letter from their medical provider. [P2210D.pdf](#)

4. Is there a guidance document for using and entering data into Access?

For Reach Up, P-2210D Eligibility of Pregnant People (Reach Up rules 2222 and 2235) (23-12) [P2210D.pdf](#)

5. Is there an MOU between ESD and FSD regarding Access?

No.

Example of Pregnancy Panel in Access provided by DCF Family Services Division:

08/27/26 15:22	PREGNANCY	QUESTION 10 (PREG . 01)		
(LAST UPDATED: 10/23/25 10:58 ; ASPADL)				
		DUE DATE	DEL DATE	HIGH RISK
NAME OF PERSON WHO IS PREGNANT		MM DD CCYY	MM CCYY	PREGNANCY
		11 27 2025		?