

## GOOD CAUSE CRITERIA

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Criteria are developed for the purpose of maintaining a focus on self sufficiency and protecting families with special needs.

Assistance groups receiving good cause extensions must be actively participating in approved programs to address their specific barriers to self sufficiency.

The following is a list of the good cause extensions:

<u>Code</u>	<u>Explanation</u>
0432	Victims of domestic violence requiring involvement of the court system.
0732	Families complying with a children's protective services case plan.
0532	Documented unique personal circumstances preventing the parent from seeking and/or obtaining employment, as determined by supervisory/administrative review.
0932	Handicapped adults and children, excluding adults receiving SSI or RSDI, as verified by physicians orders.
1332	Pregnant women with medical issues threatening the life of mother or child.
1532	Individuals participating in a holistic program addressing substance abuse.
1832	Any other reason the CDJFS determines to be good cause.
9032	Intercounty transfer.

All extensions are limited to a maximum of 24 months, and subject to semi-annual review to ensure compliance with special needs programs and medical plans. Assistance groups are limited to only one 24 month extension.

Failure to comply with the requirements of individual treatment/case plans will result in the loss of the remaining months of good cause extension eligibility. Determination of the treatment/case participation compliance will be made by the service provider.

Recipients will be required to provide documentation/verification of participation in programs designed to assist in their transition to self-sufficiency at each semi-annual review.

Application for Good Cause Exemption must be filed with the OWF case manager, and a face-to-face interview must be completed to explore alternate resources to assist the assistance group towards self-sufficiency prior to the determination of a good cause exemption. Eligibility for an good cause extension will be determined only after supervisory/administrative review. Semi-annual reviews are also subject to supervisory/administrative approval.