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**Fulton County Policy**

**Time Limits and Hardship Determinations**

State law permits a CDJFS to exempt up to 20% of OWF assistance groups. The determination of hardship is solely a county determination.

Once the applicant applies for a hardship determination, a service coordination meeting will be held to review what services were offered, the interventions utilized and how long the barriers to employment will continue. Review of any granted "hardship" will be reviewed at this time.

The conditions listed below are the criteria that Fulton County Job and Family Services will use to determine hardship exemptions.

A. Person has applied for disability through Social Security, but decision has not been made by Social Security yet, or if denied, that denial is being appealed and is still in the first appeal process. **CRIS-E # 0404**

B. Families involved with child protective services. A case plan is required and families must be actively working to resolve the identified problem. On-going communication between the case consultant and the social worker must occur.  
**CRIS-E # 0202**

C. Domestic Violence. A police report must be filed and the victim must follow through with all the court orders. Additional referrals to community organizations that provide services to victims of domestic violence and active case management will be a requirement. **CRIS-E # 0505**

When Fulton County Job and Family Services has reached its 20% limit, a committee comprised of caseworkers from FCJFS and Bridges professionals will review all those granted an exemption in order to determine which cases remain on exemption status and which do not. Priority will be given to those who have absolutely no other resources available such as community agencies or family members.