

Paulding County Hardship Exemption Criteria

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Paulding county has in place case management practices for ALL households that have used over 24 of the 36 month time limit. Home visits are made and the visits, interviews, and referrals remain ongoing. Every attempt is made to help the client overcome the employment/self-sufficiency barriers prior to the exhaustion of the 36 month limit. Exemptions will be granted only to assistance groups who have satisfactorily complied, or have not failed without good cause, to comply with the provisions contained in their self-sufficiency contract. This means that the assistance group member(s) have not failed without good cause to participate as assigned.

Paulding County Criteria for Hardship Exemption:

- 1) Paulding county will grant time limit exemptions on a case by case basis when caretaker is 60 years old or older, caring for grandchild(ren), and in financial need themselves. CRISE CODE: 0101
- 2) Paulding county will grant time limit exemptions on a case by case basis when families are involved with Child Protective Services. CRISE CODE: 0201
- 3) Paulding county will grant time limit exemptions on a case by case basis based on the certification of a recognized medical practitioner that the adult in the household is physically or mentally unable to work, thus placing the children in the household in a state of general privation, suffering or adversity. The adult in the household must be working with a case manager to apply for SSI, and working with his/her physician to overcome the diagnosed problem. Client must be working with case manager to avail themselves of all means of support for the family. CRISE CODE: 0401
- 4) Paulding county will grant time limit exemptions on a case by case basis when parent or caretaker is expected to complete education or training within 6 months of 36 month time limit. Must meet work participation requirements, remain enrolled and in good standing as determined by the institution. Exemption may be granted for no longer than 6 months after 36 month limit, to complete the program. CRISE CODE: 0601

Those granted an exemption will be reviewed prior to the end of the exemption period granted. The length of time exemptions will be granted will be directly related to the cause of the hardship exemption. EXAMPLE: The exemption was based on a medical condition determined by a recognized physician to last approximately 60 days. During the 60 day exemption the client will be working with his/her case manager in order to be ready to come off assistance at the end of the 60 day medical hardship exemption.

When Paulding county has reached it's 20% limit, a committee will review all those granted exemptions in order to make determinations on which cases remain on exemption status, and which do not. Priority will be given for households with the largest number of children, and ages of children (younger being of higher priority), to those who have absolutely no other resources available to them as in other community agencies and/or family members, and to those households working in a dedicated manner to overcoming their existing barriers to self sufficiency.