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| LOCAL COMMISSIONERS MEMORANDUM |  
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Division: Income Maintenance

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: PG-ADC Adult Only Cases and Good Cause Claims

ATTACHMENTS: There are no attachments to this LCM.

The purpose of this LCM is to remind local districts of the need to explore all eligibility criteria for needy ADC caretakers of children with sufficient income to meet their own needs (adult-only cases). It is particularly important to make referrals to the Child Support Enforcement Unit (IV-D) and to explore good cause for failure to pursue child support. The following are examples of such cases:

- o A food stamp case includes a 38 year old woman and her two year old child who was born out of wedlock. The child has not applied for public assistance because the woman states that the father provides for all of the child's needs (food, medical care, and clothing), but provides no monetary support. There is a signed statement in the case record from the absent parent confirming this.
- o A woman has applied for assistance for herself only. Her child is in the household and the woman claims the absent parent is meeting the child's needs. However, the woman refuses to pursue paternity for the child. There is no claim of good cause for failure to cooperate.

It is the position of this Department that paternity should be established and support pursued for all dependent children with a deprivation factor of an absent parent, unless the caretaker/relative has good cause for refusing to cooperate. If the client does not have good cause for refusing to pursue paternity and/or support, the district must refer the client to IV-D. Failure of the client to cooperate requires closing the adult-only ADC case. Since pursuing support is also a requirement for the HR program, this client would also be ineligible for HR or PG-ADC. Good cause criteria are outlined in Department regulation 369.2(b) and Sections VIII-T-1 of the Public Assistance Source Book. Also, districts are reminded that if the caretaker/relative refuses to apply for the child solely due to the standard filing unit requirements, this does not constitute good cause for refusal to cooperate.

If you have any questions concerning this policy, please contact Sandra Borrelli Bureau of Income Support Programs at 1-800-342-3715, extension 4-4233.

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