

~~(3) UNLESS EXEMPT UNDER CRITERIA WHICH SHALL BE ESTABLISHED BY THE SECRETARY, PARTICIPATES IN WORK ACTIVITIES REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, AND~~

(4) ~~(5)~~ MEETS ALL OTHER AFDC FIP PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS THAT THE SECRETARY ESTABLISHES BY REGULATION.

(C) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT BE EXEMPT AS SEVERELY DISABLED UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(4) OF THIS SECTION FOR MORE THAN 12 MONTHS UNLESS:

(1) THAT INDIVIDUAL APPLIES FOR SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME;
AND

(2) THE APPLICATION IS APPROVED, PENDING, OR IN THE APPEAL STAGE.

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(A) EXCEPT FOR AN APPLICANT OR RECIPIENT WHO IS A SINGLE CHILD, THE AFDC FIP PROGRAM SHALL INCLUDE:

(1) AN ASSESSMENT OF ALL APPLICANTS OR RECIPIENTS THAT SHALL CONSIDER:

(I) THE REASONS FOR APPLYING FOR OR CONTINUED RELIANCE ON ASSISTANCE;

(II) THE EDUCATIONAL LEVEL, JOB SKILLS AND READINESS, AND INTERESTS TO EVALUATE APPROPRIATE PROGRAM WORK ACTIVITIES; AND

(III) PERSONAL AND FAMILY RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO FACILITATE INDEPENDENCE;

~~(2) FOR A RECIPIENT, A ONE-TIME ONLY WELFARE AVOIDANCE GRANT, IN AN AMOUNT UP TO 6 MONTHS OF AFDC TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE, TO MEET IMMEDIATE NEEDS SO THAT A RECIPIENT CAN AVOID OTHERWISE ENTERING THE AFDC PROGRAM;~~

(2) FOR AN APPLICANT OR RECIPIENT, WELFARE AVOIDANCE GRANTS THAT:

(I) MEET IMMEDIATE NEEDS SO THAT AN APPLICANT OR RECIPIENT CAN AVOID WELFARE ASSISTANCE;

(II) MAY BE GRANTED AS DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE DEPARTMENT;

(III) MAY NOT COVER THE SAME TYPE OF IMMEDIATE NEED MET BY ANY PREVIOUS WELFARE AVOIDANCE GRANT UNLESS THE DEPARTMENT HAS DETERMINED THAT THE CURRENT IMMEDIATE NEED REPRESENTS A NEW AND VERIFIED EMERGENCY; AND

(IV) SUBJECT TO ITEM (V) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, DO NOT EXCEED AN AMOUNT OF 3 MONTHS OF TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE;