

WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS

GREATER DALLAS

Policy Number: CM0421	RE: Choices Rules/TAC
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Definition of Reasonable Commuting Distance

Background

The Choices rules regarding "Good Cause for Choices Participants" at 40 TAC, Part 20 Section 811.16 (c)(5)(B), allow a single custodial partner TANF recipient to be granted "good cause" and excused from meeting the TANF work requirement if they can demonstrate there are no jobs available within a "reasonable distance" from their home. It is left to the local board's discretion to define reasonable distance.

Likewise, the Child Care and Development Rules at 45 CFR, Part 98, Section 98.33(f)(2) require that TANF recipients be informed about the work requirement exception for a single custodial parent who can demonstrate inability to obtain child care for a child under six due to the unavailability of appropriate child care within a "reasonable distance" from the individual's home or work site.

This policy adds SNAP E&T recipients to the policy in compliance with 40 TAC, Part 20 Chapter 813.13 (b)(4), adding good cause for mandatory work registrants and exempt recipients who voluntarily participate in SNAP E&T services.

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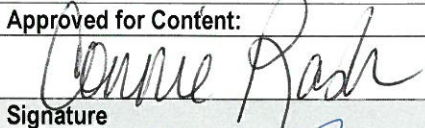
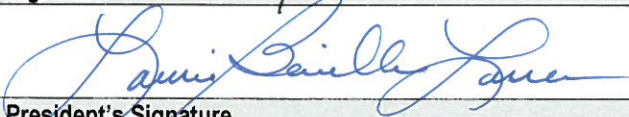
Given that Dallas County is a large metropolitan area with a variety of employment opportunities and child care facilities throughout Dallas County and in adjacent counties, WFSDallas defines a reasonable distance as within a 30-mile radius between the client's home and the available childcare and /or work, one way.

Action Required

This policy should be distributed to all affected staff.

Contact

Inquiries regarding this policy should be directed to **Connie Rash, Senior Vice President, Resource Development and Deployment at 214.290.1008.**

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