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WAC 388-422-0010 Do I have to cooperate with the division of child support (DCS)? (1) When you get benefits, you must cooperate with DCS as required to establish or collect child support, unless you have a good reason for not cooperating.

(2) DCS defines what cooperating with them to establish or collect child support means in WAC 388-14A-2040.

(3) If you are a two-parent household, you and the other parent must help DCS establish paternity for each child in your AU, if necessary.

(4) DCS determines whether you are cooperating with them. See WAC 388-14A-2041(1) for reasons why DCS might determine that you are not cooperating.

(5) If you get TANF or SFA and do not have a good reason for not cooperating with DCS, we reduce your cash benefits by twenty-five percent.

(6) If you are afraid that cooperating with DCS may be dangerous for you or a child in your care, see WAC 388-14A-2045 for a definition of what a good reason to not cooperate with DCS is. We also call this "good cause."

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WAC 388-422-0020 What if you are afraid that cooperating with the division of child support (DCS) may be dangerous for you or the child in your care? (1) You can be excused from cooperating with DCS when you have a good reason. A good reason not to cooperate is also called good cause. You have a good reason when you can prove that:

(a) Cooperating with DCS would result in serious physical or emotional harm to you or the child in your care.

(b) Establishing paternity or getting support would be harmful to the child who:

(i) Was conceived as a result of incest or rape; or

(ii) Is the subject of legal adoption proceedings pending before a superior court; or

(iii) Is the subject of ongoing discussions between you and a public or licensed child placement agency to decide whether you will keep the child or put the child up for adoption. The discussions cannot have gone on for more than three months.

(2) Once you claim good cause for TANF/SFA, you have twenty days to give us the information that proves you have good cause not to cooperate with DCS. This information can include official records, sworn statements, or other information that supports your good cause claim. If you need to, you may ask for:

(a) More time to give proof; or

(b) Help in getting proof.

(3) While we review your good cause claim, DCS does not take any action to establish or enforce support on your case.

(4) You have the right to:

(a) Be told of your right to claim good cause for not cooperating with DCS;

(b) Get benefits while we are deciding your good cause claim, as long as you have given the proof needed to make a decision;

(c) Get a decision within thirty days from the date you made your good cause claim, as long as you have given the proof needed to make a decision within twenty days; and

(d) Get information about how to request a fair hearing if we deny your good cause claim.

(5) If we approve your good cause claim, we periodically review the claim depending on your circumstances.

(6) To see what DCS does when good cause is approved see WAC 388-14A-2060.

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WAC 388-422-0030 What happens if my support is more than my TANF or SFA cash benefit?

(1) If DCS collects current support that is more than your TANF or SFA cash benefit for two months in a row, your cash benefit stops at the end of the third month.

(2) You may be able to get continued food assistance benefits.

(3) You can read WAC 388-310-0800 to see what kinds of support services you may be able to get.

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