

AFDC Handbook - Appendix
5.0.0 AFDC WORK PROGRAMS

5.3.0	Exemptions	<p>Each AFDC recipient must participate in JOBS unless exempt. If a recipient has been sanctioned (5.7.0) because s/he did not participate in JOBS, s/he is ineligible for AFDC.</p> <p>If MA eligible, MA pays for any necessary medical exam.</p>
5.3.1	Child Under 1	<p>Exempt anyone caring for a child under age 1.</p> <p>If the primary caretaker is under age 20 and has not completed High School (HS) or received a HS equivalency diploma, s/he must participate in educational activities. This means s/he must pursue a HS education or education designed to prepare a person to qualify for a HS equivalency certificate.</p> <p>In an AFDC-U case, exempt the PWE parent only if the non-PWE parent is unavailable for or incapable of caring for a child under 1.</p> <p>Only exempt one caretaker for each child under 1.</p>
5.3.2	Student	<p>Exempt anyone age 16 or 17 who is enrolled as a full-time student.</p> <p>"Enrolled" means s/he hasn't graduated or been legally excused from attending by the school board. An exception is if s/he is excused for a physical or mental condition for 30 days or less. "Legally excused" means written evidence of the excuse signed by a school official and parent or guardian is available.</p> <p>Exempt a full-time student age 18 who is both:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enrolled in and regularly attending a HS program leading to a diploma, or the equivalent level of vocational or technical training. 2. Reasonably expected to complete the program before age 19. <p>A recipient who is a mandatory participant remains one even if s/he begins to attend school and would otherwise be exempt because s/he is attending school. Dropping out of school without good cause (5.7.3) means the recipient is subject to sanction (5.7.0) unless another exemption reason applies.</p>
5.3.3	Incapacitated	<p>Exempt anyone who is incapacitated (4.3.0).</p> <p>Exempt as incapacitated any woman whose physician prescribes a period of recuperation for her following childbirth. Document this on the Medical Examination and Capacity Form (4.3.2). There is no minimum or maximum limit on the period.</p>
5.3.4	Too Remote	<p>Exempt anyone who lives so far from the county or Tribal JOBS agency, s/he can't get in to within one hour by available transportation. "Available transportation" means any private and public transportation available regularly to the person. In determining travel time, exclude any time used to take a child(ren) to and from child care.</p>
5.3.5	Needed at Home	<p>Exempt anyone needed at home to look after another household member (Initial Unit) due to that person's medical condition, as determined by the ESA.</p> <p>EXAMPLE: Libby and Paul live under the same roof, that is, in the same household. Each has a child: Libby's daughter is age 2; Paul's son is age 9. Libby and Paul are not married and they have no child-in-common. The only AFDC assistance group (AG) members are Libby and her daughter.</p> <p>Libby wants to be exempt from JOBS based on the psychological support needed by Paul's son. The child's psychologist's report states Paul needs the support Libby can provide.</p> <p>If the ESA agrees, Libby is exempt from JOBS because Paul's son is a household member, though not an AG member or a dependent of any AG member.</p>
5.3.6	Foster Parent	<p>Exempt any licensed (Ch. HSS 56, Wis. Admin. Code) foster parent. A foster parent is considered already employed full-time in caring for and supervision a foster child(ren).</p> <p>A foster parent may be referred as a mandatory participant <u>only</u> if the licensing agency agrees in writing that s/he may be employed in or out of the home. If the licensing agency does not agree, exempt the foster parent.</p>

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5.3.7	Working	Exempt anyone who is working <u>and</u> not subject to the limits below (5.3.7.1 & 5.3.7.2). "Working" means: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If not self-employed, working 30 hours a week for wages. The hourly wage must equal or exceed the legally established minimum wage for the type of job held. 2. If self- employed, monthly net earnings divided by the lesser of either the state or the federal minimum wage (both are currently \$4.25) equal or exceed 120 hours a month.
5.3.7.1	Home Education	Working does not include teaching a child in a DPI-registered home education program by a caretaker (3.1.1). Do not exempt the caretaker, even though the home program qualifies as a school under Learnfare (6.1.2).
5.3.7.2	Certain Recipients	A recipient who is a mandatory participant remains one even if s/he begins to work and would otherwise be exempt because s/he is working. Terminating work or reducing earnings without good cause (5.7.3) means the recipient is subject to sanction (5.7.0) unless another exemption reason applies.
5.3.8	Pregnancy	When medically verified, exempt a woman who is at least in the 4 th month of pregnancy. To set the beginning of 4 th month of pregnancy: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Determine the expected delivery date. 2. Count back 6 calendar months. Begin with the month in which delivery is expected. For example, if the expected delivery date is May 17th, the 4th month begins December 1st. <p>[Pregnancy as a deprivation reason (4.8.0) still begins with the 8th, not the 4th month.]</p>
5.3.9	Age 60	Exempt anyone age 60 or older.
5.3.10	Essential Person	Exempt any essential person (3.4.0).
5.3.11	VISTA	Exempt any full-time VISTA (Volunteers In Service To America) volunteer.