

NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT TO COOPERATE AND RIGHT TO CLAIM GOOD CAUSE FOR REFUSAL TO COOPERATE IN CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT

BENEFITS OF CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT

Your cooperation in the child support enforcement process may be of value to you and your child because it might result in the following benefits:

- * Find the non-custodial parent.
- * Legally establish your child's paternity.
- * Possibly secure medical or child support payments.
- * You and your child may obtain rights to future social Security, Veterans, or other government benefits.

WHAT IS MEANT BY COOPERATION?

The law requires you to cooperate with the Social services and child support agencies to get any **medical support or medical support payments that may be due you or any** of the children for whom you want MEDICAID, unless you have good cause for not cooperating.

You may be asked to do one of the following things:

- * Name the parent of any child applying for or receiving MEDICAID, and give information you have to help find the parent.
- * Help determine the legal father of your child if the child was born out of wedlock.
- * Give help to obtain money owed to you or to the children who are receiving MEDICAID.
- * Report to the state money which is given directly to you by the non-custodial parent or your absent spouse.

You may be required to come to the social services office, the child support office, or the court to sign papers or give necessary information.

WHAT IS MEANT BY GOOD CAUSE?

You may have good cause not to cooperate in the state's efforts to collect medical support. You may be excused from cooperating if you believe that cooperation would not be in **your** best interest **or that of** your child. **You must** provide evidence to support this claim.

IF YOU DO NOT COOPERATE AND YOU DO NOT HAVE GOOD CAUSE

- * You will be ineligible for MEDICAID unless you are pregnant. **If you are pregnant and receive Medicaid for Families (MAF) you must cooperate for any children, other than the unborn child, for whom you are the caretaker and who are receiving Medicaid or Work First.**
- * Your children will still be eligible for MEDICAID **even if you become ineligible.**

HOW AND WHEN YOU MAY CLAIM GOOD CAUSE

- * If you want to claim good cause, you must tell your MEDICAID or child support worker that you think you have good cause. You can do this at any time you believe you have good cause not to cooperate.
- * If you claim good cause, you will be given a notice. This notice will explain:
 - the circumstances under which social services may find you have good cause; AND
 - the type of evidence or other information that social services needs to decide your claim.
- * You may ask for this second notice now to help you decide whether or not to claim good cause.

I have read this notice concerning my right to claim good cause for refusing to cooperate.

Signature of Applicant/Recipient / DATE

I have provided the applicant/recipient with a copy of this notice.

Signature of Worker / DATE

Distribution: Give one to applicant/recipient.
Retain one copy with document.