

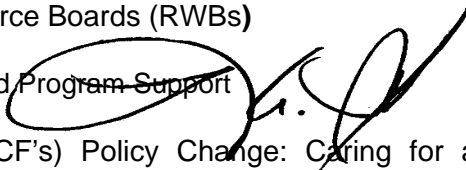


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TO: Workforce Florida, Inc. and Regional Workforce Boards (RWBs)

FROM: Lois A. Scott, Program Manager, One-Stop and Program Support 

SUBJECT: Department of Children and Families' (DCF's) Policy Change: Caring for a Disabled Family Member and Time Limit Exception

PURPOSE:

To inform Regional Workforce Boards (RWBs) of the change in DCF's policy regarding the exemption of a parent caring for a disabled family member.

BACKGROUND:

On June 29, 2006 the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Administration for Children and Families (ACF) published the "Interim Final Rule" as required by the Deficit Reduction Act. The Interim Final Rule required parents who were caring for a disabled family member to participate in work activities if the disabled family member was in school full-time. These parents were also subject to the cash assistance time limits outlined in the 1996 Personal Responsibility Work Opportunity and Reconciliation Act (PRWORA).

The Final Rule published in 2008 modified the requirements outlined in the Interim Final Rule. Effective October 1, 2008, the caregiver may be exempted from the Welfare Transition program and cash assistance time limits even if the disabled family member attends school full-time.

REFERENCE:

Policy Change – Caring for a Disabled Family Member Work and Time Limit Exemption

AUTHORITY:

Department of Children and Families

ACTION REQUIRED:

Please share the attached information with appropriate staff and workforce partners.

ATTACHMENT:

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