

# County of San Diego, Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) CalWORKs Program Guide

## Welfare-To-Work 24-Month Time Clock Extensions

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### **Background:**

Senate Bill (SB) 1041 allowed for an extension of the Welfare-to-Work (WTW) 24-Month Time Clock for qualifying participants. The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) determines the number of monthly extensions available to each county ([ACL 15-02](#))

### **Policy**

Participants with remaining time on their CalWORKs 48-Month Time Limit may request an extension to their WTW 24-Month Time Clock. An extension may be approved for an initial period of up to six months and reevaluated at least every six months.

A WTW participant cannot receive an extension to the WTW 24-Month Time Clock for a period of time that exceeds the number of months remaining on his or her CalWORKs 48-month time limit, including any additional months due to a CalWORKs 48-month time limit extender ([15-100.C](#) and [15-100.I](#))

The extension request, determination and notification process must be completed prior to the end of the 24<sup>th</sup> month of the participant's WTW 24-Month Time Clock or at the time an extension is reevaluated ([10-003.F Processing Guide-WTW 24-Month Time Clock Extensions](#))

To qualify for a WTW 24-Month Time Clock extension, the participant must provide evidence that he/she:

- Is likely to obtain employment within six months;
- Has encountered distinctive labor market barriers that are temporarily preventing employment, and therefore needs additional time to obtain employment
- Has achieved satisfactory progress in a treatment or educational program that would increase his/ her chances to become employed
- Needs an additional period of time to complete a WTW activity specified in his/her WTW plan due to diagnosed learning disability or other incapacity; and the additional time would increase his/ her chances to become employed
- Has submitted an application to receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) disability benefits, and a hearing date has been established
- Meets any of the extension criteria as a result of information already available from case record

If an extension request is denied at any time, the participant will be subject to post WTW 24-Month Time Clock participation requirement ([ACL 15-03](#), [10-003.D](#)) for his/her remaining CW months.

A two-parent AU has the option to receive an extension for the duration of the other parent's WTW 24-Month Time Clock, as long:

- The WTW Clock expires only for one parent; and
- Both parents combine hours to meet WTW participation requirements ([11-001.G](#), [ACL 15-03](#))

### **Procedures:**

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**Impacts:**

None to other programs

**References:**

All County Letters (ACLs): [12-67](#), [12-69](#), [13-15](#), [13-68](#), [14-09](#), [15-01](#), [15-02](#) and [15-03](#)

Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC): sections [11322.86](#), [11322.87](#).

**Release Date:**

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**Sunset Date:**

This policy will be reviewed for continuance by 4/13/2018