

15-100 C. CALWORKS TIME LIMIT EXTENDER CATEGORIES

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CalWORKs Time Limit Extender Categories

Extender exceptions apply at any time that timed-out adults meet exception criteria. After adults are discontinued due to reaching the CalWORKs 48-month limit, FRCs shall reinstate previously timed-out adults when he/she meets extender criteria.

The CalWORKs time limit extender categories are:

- **Advanced Age**
- **Care taking Responsibilities**
- **Disabled**
- **Unable to Maintain Employment or Participate in Work Activities**
- **Domestic Abuse/Domestic Violence**

Each parent, aided stepparent, and/or caretaker relative in a two-parent household must be eligible for an extender in order for **either** adult to receive a CalWORKs time limit extension.

Current victims of Domestic Abuse/Domestic Violence may request a Good Cause Waiver to have his/her CalWORKs time clock extended **without** requiring all other adults in the AU to meet an extender exception. This in accordance to the Good Cause section of the Family Violence Regulations found in [CPG 40-100.O](#).

Disabled Time Disabled individuals may meet the extender criteria if they are unable

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to be regularly employed or participate in Welfare-to-Work activities **and** are receiving one of the following disability-based incomes:

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- State Supplemental Program (SSP), or
- In-Home Supportive Service (IHSS), or
- State Disability Insurance (SDI), or
- Worker's Compensation Temporary Disability Insurance benefits.

Note: Client shall **not** be granted a Disabled Time Limit Extender if they are not receiving disability-based income as listed above.

The individual shall be added back to the case effective the month in which the extender criteria is met.

**Unable to
Maintain
Employment
or Participate
Time Limit
Extender**

If an individual is unable to maintain employment or participate in Welfare-to-Work (WTW) activities, a time limit extension determination shall be made (see [CPG 15-100 D., *Unable to Maintain Employment or Participate Extension*](#), for more details).

This determination requires the following:

- An assessment by the Employment Case Manager (ECM) which is provided to the HSS, and
 - An evaluation by the HSS of the ECM's assessment and individual's circumstances to determine whether or not to grant a CalWORKs time limit extension.
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**Domestic
Violence Time
Limit
Extender**

Domestic Violence (DV)/Domestic Abuse may be the basis for the determination of a CalWORKs time limit extension according to the following criteria:

- An individual who is currently a victim of Domestic Violence/Domestic Abuse and has been aided as an adult for 48 months may have his/her CalWORKs time limit extended **without** requiring all other adults in the AU to meet the extender criteria due to the domestic abuse good cause waiver.
- Criteria for a Domestic Violence/Domestic Abuse time limit waiver shall be evaluated on a case-by-case basis, but only for so long as the domestic abuse prevents the individual from obtaining employment or participating in WTW activities. The ECM shall evaluate the individual's

circumstances up to a maximum period of six months to determine if the basis for good cause continues to exist.

Documentation that supports a Domestic Violence/Domestic Abuse extender includes:

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1. A sworn statement [i.e., General Affidavit (CSF 2)] signed under the penalty of perjury by a victim of past or present abuse, unless there is documentation in writing of an independent and reasonable basis to find the applicant/recipient to not be credible. In those instances, additional supporting documentation shall be requested. (Refer to [CPG 40-100.O](#), *Family Violence*, for more details regarding Domestic Violence/Domestic Abuse documentation.)
2. ECM knowledge, supported with case documentation, of a Domestic Violence/Domestic Abuse situation that has impacted the individual's ability to participate in work activities; **and/or**,
3. CalWORKs case documentation (i.e., documentation from legal, medical, religious or other professionals) that verifies that the individual's inability to participate resulted from a DV/Domestic Abuse situation.

Note: The Welfare-to-Work ECM shall review the individual's circumstances basis to determine if good cause criteria continues to be met. The extender period may be allowed for a maximum of six-months and shall not exceed twelve months without FRC management approval.
