

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RULE WAIVER REQUEST FORM

PLEASE PRINT

NAME		COUNTY USE ONLY	
ADDRESS		COUNTY	
CITY	ZIP	CASE NAME	
PHONE ()		CASE NO.	
QUESTIONS? ASK YOUR WORKER.		WORKER NAME	

CalWORKs can help people with Domestic Violence problems. The County may "waive" (not apply) rules for the CalWORKs program. This includes welfare-to-work rules. **The back of this form explains waivers.** Check the rule you want the county to waive. Check all boxes that apply. **Sign and date this form.**

I Want The County To Waive (Not Apply) The Following CalWORKs Rules

- Requiring teens 16 to 17 years old to attend school
- Cooperating in proving who the father of the child (ren) is/are
- Cooperating in getting child support for the child(ren)
- Maximum Family Grant (MFG) (no aid for child born to parent on aid 10 mo. before birth)
- Requiring teens to live in an adult-supervised setting
- Requiring a minor child live in the home (if child has been kidnapped)
- Collection of an overpayment which happened because of the DV
- Imposition of a sanction/penalty (grant cut)
- OTHER: _____

I Want The County To Waive (Not Apply) The Following Welfare To Work Rules

- Counting months against the 60-month limit on aid
- Requiring 32 or 35 hours of work activities/wk
- Requiring 20 hours of core work activities
- Not allowing a program to be a SIP (self-enrolled school program) for someone who already has a Bachelor's degree (waiver would *allow* you to do a post BA program)
- Participation in Welfare to Work activities
- Imposition of a sanction/penalty (grant cut)
- OTHER: _____

I need a waiver of the rules checked above because the rule(s) (check all that apply):

- Makes it harder for me or my family to escape abuse
- Puts me or my family at further risk of abuse
- Would unfairly penalize me or my family

DATE _____

SIGNATURE _____

The County must give you their decision on *the* DV waiver in writing. If the county says no to any request, you can ask for a state fair hearing.

A Domestic Violence Waiver CAN WAIVE ANY RULE that makes it more difficult for you or the children in your care:

- *to escape abuse* or
- that *put you at further risk*, or
- *unfairly penalize* you because of the domestic violence.

Domestic violence includes

1. Physical, sexual, emotional or verbal violence, threats or control or stalking
 - That is happening ***now***, or happened ***in the past***
2. It can have happened to **you or your family members**.
3. It can be from a current *or former* spouse, or a person with whom you are romantically involved, as well as relatives.

Verification (Proof)

- You can sign a statement if you don't have any proof of the violence
- If you have proof of the violence give it to the County. Proof includes: statements from friends or relatives, restraining orders, medical records, police reports, letters from a domestic violence agency, or other kinds of evidence.
- The County may ask you to give them proof or more information to help them decide if you should have the rule waived, but you can get a waiver even without proof of the violence.

Exemptions

- If you cannot do welfare-to-work for reasons other than domestic abuse, you may be "exempt."
- You do not use up your 48-months time on aid if you are exempt. Exemptions are for people who cannot do the full welfare-to-work hours.
 - Some examples are if you are ill or have a disability, if you are taking care of someone in your house who is ill or disabled, or are a relative taking care of a child in or at risk of child care and they need more care than children normally do.
- You can volunteer to do welfare-to-work activities and get support services.

Ask for a separate exemption form if this applies to you.

Help for Domestic Violence

Ask your worker for a referral to people who are trained to help those facing or escaping domestic abuse. You can talk to counselors; get information about shelters for emergency housing, and other services.

Asking for a Hearing

You can fill out the back of any notice of action to ask for a state hearing. Just make sure to say what the hearing is about. A simple statement like, "The county won't give me a DV waiver" is enough. You can also call 800-952-5253 to ask for a hearing.