

Participation Requirements- Parental Incapacity

Parents must adhere to the following requirements when the basis of the need for child care is based upon parental incapacity. A parent is eligible for child care services for not less than twelve (12) months.

Required Documentation

The following documentation must be submitted for initial certification, at recertification, or when there is voluntary report of a change

1. A *Statement of Parental Incapacity* form completed and signed by a legally qualified health professional.
2. Documentation of *total countable income* from either one (1) of the two (2) months immediately preceding the initial certification or recertification of eligibility for services or timeframe to report voluntary change/update, as applicable to verify eligibility and family fees.

CHS will contact individuals, including but not limited to the legally qualified health professional that completed the *Statement of Parental Incapacity* or source(s) of total countable income if applicable, as needed to verify need and eligibility documentation from the parent. CHS may request additional documentation to verify information to the extent that the information provided by the parent is insufficient to make a reasonable assessment of eligibility or need for child care. Incomplete documents will be returned to the parent and considered outstanding. Failure to submit required documentation will be cause for denial or termination of services.

Reporting Changes

The parent is responsible for reporting income that exceeds the 85% income threshold for their family size as identified in the *Schedule of Income Ceilings (85 percent of SMI)*. This document is distributed to parents at certification, recertification, or upon request. Program Specialists identify the maximum adjusted monthly income that a family may earn to remain eligible for services. Parents may at any time voluntarily report changes to reduce their family fee, increase the family's services, or extend the period of eligibility. Parents may also voluntarily request a reduction to their service level with a written request that includes: days and hours per day requested, effective date of proposed reduction of service level, and acknowledgment that you understand that you may retain your current service level.

Child Care

- Child care hours will be approved based upon the hours recommended by the legally qualified health professional.
- Child care will not be approved for more than fifty (50) hours per week.
- If CHS is unable to make a reasonable assessment of need or eligibility based upon the documentation submitted, child care services may be denied or terminated.

By signing below, I certify that I have reviewed, understand, and agree to the requirements listed within this document.

Parent/Guardian Name (PRINT): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____