

## KINSHIP CARE GOOD CAUSE NOTICE

To receive Kinship Care payments, you are required by law to cooperate with the child welfare and child support agencies. You must cooperate in obtaining any support (financial or medical) owed to any child for whom you want a Kinship Care payment. (Note: To apply for Medicaid for this child, you must contact your local economic support agency.) Personal information you provide may be used for secondary purposes [Privacy Law, s.15.04(1)(m), Wisconsin Statutes].

### Cooperation means that you may have to do one or more of the following things:

1. Name the parent(s) of any child included in your application for Kinship Care and give information to help find the parent(s).
2. Help to obtain money owed to the child(ren) who receive Kinship Care.
3. Help to obtain any other money or property due to any child included in your application for Kinship Care.
4. Report to the child welfare agency any court-ordered or voluntary child support paid directly to you by the absent parent(s).
5. You may have to go to either the child welfare agency or the child support agency to sign necessary papers or give necessary information.

### Your cooperation is important because it may help the child(ren) in your care:

1. Find the absent parent(s).
2. Legally establish the identity of the child's father.
3. Become eligible for Social Security, Veterans or other government benefits in the future.
4. Receive adequate child or medical support payments or both.

Despite these possible benefits, you may have a good reason for not cooperating. Such a reason is called "good cause." If you believe that cooperating would cause you or the child(ren) in your care serious physical or emotional harm or create other situations you think would be harmful, you may have "good cause" now or at any time in the future. If you do claim "good cause," you must provide supporting evidence as to why you should not be required to cooperate.

If you want to claim "good cause" for not cooperating, tell your worker from the child welfare agency. You will be given a claim form which explains how to claim "good cause" (CFS-2094). You may also ask for the claim form to help you decide whether or not to claim "good cause" for not cooperating.

If you want to claim "good cause" for not cooperating, but the child welfare agency does not approve your claim, you will not be eligible for Kinship Care unless you begin to cooperate. If you do not agree with the "good cause" claim decision, you may be able to request an appeal of that decision. The worker determining the Kinship Care eligibility will be able to provide you with more information.

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I have read and understand this notice explaining my right to claim "good cause" for refusing to cooperate.

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**SIGNATURE** - Relative Caregiver / Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signed

I have given the Relative Caregiver / Applicant a copy of this notice.

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**SIGNATURE** - Agency Staff Person

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Date Signed