

Department of Human Services
Division of Family Development

Advance Notice

Work First New Jersey (WFNJ) Program Requirements

Elimination of Requirement for 28-Day Employment Related Activity

To Whom It May Concern:

The New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development intends to amend N.J.A.C. 10:90, which governs the Work First New Jersey (WFNJ) Program, by eliminating the requirement that a 28-day employment related activity be completed prior to an applicant being determined eligible for WFNJ General Assistance (GA). Since 2012, an applicant's eligibility for WFNJ benefits could not be established until the applicant completed a minimum of 28 days in an employment-related activity through The New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development. Failure of an applicant to comply with this requirement, without good cause, would result in a denial of the applicant's WFNJ/GA application and a 30-day period of ineligibility.

The proposed amendments to N.J.A.C. 10:90-1.2, 1.5, 2.2, 2.9, and 4.1 would remove the requirement for a 28-day employment related activity prior to an applicant being eligible for WFNJ/GA benefits. Work activity requirements for all individuals determined eligible for WFNJ would remain unchanged. Removing this requirement will expand access to the WFNJ/GA program and allow local agencies to make eligibility determinations on WFNJ/GA applications without a 28-day delay. The Department of Labor and Workforce Development has been consulted regarding this regulatory change and is supportive of the proposed amendments.

Interested parties may submit informal comments on this advance notice within thirty (30) days of its publication on the Department of Human Services' website. Please submit your informal comments to:

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You will also have a 60-day opportunity to submit formal comments on any actual proposed amendments subsequent to the publication of such proposal in the [New Jersey Register](#). Such proposal will also be published on the Department of Human Services' website.