

Section 351.2(k)(4)

Ineligible individuals. In addition to any other individual who is ineligible for public assistance, the following individuals are also ineligible for such assistance:

Any individual who is a minor child who has been or is expected to be absent from the home of his or her parent or other caretaker relative for a consecutive period of 45 days or more without good cause. In addition, no assistance may be given to any parent or other caretaker relative who fails to notify the social services district of the absence of the minor child within five days after it becomes clear to the parent or relative that the child will be absent for a consecutive period of 45 days or more. Good cause includes absence for placement in foster care if the goal set forth in the child service plan under sections 428.6 and 428.7 of this Title is the return of the child to a member of the household, visits to friends or relatives, attendance at school, attendance at camp or hospitalization; if it is in the best interests of the child to return home and return is expected within a reasonable time. A parent or caretaker relative who fails to comply with the provisions of this paragraph is ineligible for public assistance for a period of 30 days for each whole or partial calendar month during which the child was absent from the home before the social services district was notified of the absence.