



THE PAIUTE INDIAN TRIBE OF UTAH

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Resolution 2014-50

SUBJECT: Tribal General Assistance Program: Establishing Additional Requirements for the Individual Self-Sufficiency Plan (“ISP”) for and Setting a Lifetime Maximum for Tribal General Assistance Benefits

WHEREAS, the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah (“PITU” or “Tribe”) is a federally recognized Indian tribe under 25 U.S.C. § 761, et seq., organized under the Tribe’s Constitution, as ratified by the Tribe on June 11, 1991, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on July 15, 1991, and amended by the Tribe on August 12, 1997, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on September 30, 1997, pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984); and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is the official governing body of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 1 of the Tribe’s Constitution states that the Tribal Council is vested with all executive and legislative powers of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe operates a General Assistance Program under a P.L. 638 Contract with the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and

WHEREAS, Indian tribes have the ability to set their own standards and/or add additional requirements for receiving assistance through their P.L. 638 Contracts, including the Tribal General Assistance Program, provided that such tribal standards and requirements are consistent with applicable laws; and

WHEREAS, in order to avoid running out of funds before the end of a calendar year there is a need to establish the following priorities for individuals to receive General Assistance:

- a. single adults with dependent children
 - b. individuals who are awaiting disability determination
 - c. single “able bodied” (no disabling conditions) adults with no dependents
- and

WHEREAS, the PITU Tribal Council established a maximum of 36 months of General Assistance benefits that an individual may receive in the individual’s lifetime, unless otherwise prohibited by applicable law, regulation or policy there is a need to establish maximum time limits based on the priorities listed above;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the PITU Tribal Council hereby establishes the following maximum time limits for an individual to receive General Assistance in their lifetime:

- a. Single adults with dependent children will remain at 36 months
- b. individuals who have applied for and are waiting for a disability determination will remain at 36 months

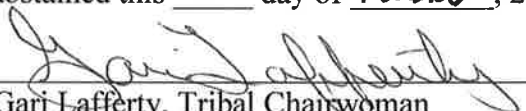
c. single "able bodied adults" with no dependents will have a maximum time limit of 18 months

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the tribe institutes participation requirements similar to the State's FEP/TANF (attached) of 30 hours per week in employment related activities such as job search, workshops and volunteering; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the lifetime maximum does not apply to benefits received by children under the age of eighteen (18).

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was fully considered by the Tribal Council at a duly called meeting in Cedar City, Utah, at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained this 3rd day of November, 2014.


Gari Lafferty, Tribal Chairwoman

ATTEST



Tribal Council Secretary

Utah DWS Family Employment Program

What You Must Do to Take Part

You must work with your employment counselor to draw up an employment plan based on your employment goals. ***While receiving FEP, customers are required to participate in employment related activities to their full capacity with progress towards self-sufficiency. These activities may include:***

- ***Apprenticeships***
- ***Regular employment at a job***
- ***On-the-job Training***
- ***Unpaid Internships***
- ***Job Search Activities***
- ***Training in job skills***
- ***Various youth service employment activities***
- ***Community Service***

If you feel you cannot take part in these activities, you may negotiate other appropriate activities together with your employment counselor. You may do these in conjunction with or until you are able to fully participate in the activities above.

Additional Help

If you need someone to care for your children while you are doing FEP activities, FEP may be able to help you pay for child care. You can also apply for medical and Food Stamp benefits at the same time as you are receiving cash payments from FEP.

If you are participating in certain eligible activities, you may be able to receive an additional \$60 per month.

If your earned income causes your FEP cash assistance to close, you may be eligible for up to 3 months of additional cash payments, plus up to 6 months of Child Care help without a copayment, Food Stamps and medical assistance. In some cases, if you are eligible to receive Child Care assistance, you may have to pay some of the cost. This cost is based on your new income.

Time Limit

Parents can only receive cash payments for up to 36 months over their lifetime.

This time limit can be extended if all parents in the household are receiving SSI or if benefits are being provided to children living with a relative other than their parent, and that relative is not also receiving financial assistance. It can also be extended if the parent or parents meet certain conditions.