

Special Circumstances Proposed Policy Addition

Currently:

Ordinance:

3.12(10)(g)2.A - An applicant who is a Madison resident and who is income eligible but who fails to meet the other rules of eligibility shall be eligible if the Community Development Program Manager determines he or she meets the Special Circumstance for **Child Care** criteria.

3.12(10)(g)2.B - The Community Development Program Manager, with the advice and consent of the Early Childhood Care and Education Committee, shall establish special circumstance criteria. Such criteria shall be based on the needs of the family, environmental hazard, emergency, or unusual, pressing, or extreme circumstances. The purpose of Special Circumstance Tuition Aid is to provide assistance where child care is an essential element in protecting family stability. (Am. by Ord. 12,806, Adopted 4-3-01; Renum. by ORD-07-00048, 4-12-07)

Current Policy

For purposes of Child Care Assistance, a special circumstance is defined as an extraordinary or emergency circumstance that would allow one or more non-income eligibility criteria to be waived in order to serve this family. The family must still be income eligible to qualify for Child Care Assistance. Final determination of eligibility based on special circumstance requires verification and approval by the Child Care Program Coordinator.

Proposed Addition:

Families with children of differing citizenship status are eligible to participate in the City of Madison Tuition Assistance program under the special circumstances designation. Families will be required to be income eligible and qualify through the regular application process. The children from the applicant not funded by Wisconsin Shares or other subsidy programs would be eligible for Child Care assistance.

Budget implication:

The effect of this proposed policy addition will have minimal impact upon the budget for the 2022 and 2023 calendar year as the child care unit anticipates that few families will be eligible under these specific circumstances.