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### **Georgia**

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#### **Definition of Minor Child**

To be eligible for TANF cash assistance, families must include a minor child, defined as:

Child under age 18; child age 18 who is a full-time student

#### **Minor Children in the Assistance Unit**

All minor children who live in the home and who are full or half siblings are required to be included in the assistance unit, with the following exceptions:

- SSI Recipient
- Foster child
- Not dependent (e.g., not deprived of parental support)

When an individual acts as a caretaker of children, some of whom are neither full nor half siblings (for example, the caretaker's own children and a nephew, niece, or grandchild), the caretaker must establish a single assistance unit for all children in her/his care.

#### **Temporary Absence of Minor from Home**

There is no specified time limit on the period during which a family can continue to receive assistance for a child who is absent from the home.

## **Non-Parent Caretakers**

(Circumstances under which non-parent caretakers can receive benefits on behalf of a child)

In order to qualify as a non-parent caretaker, an individual need not be related to the child(ren) for whom assistance is sought. In addition to relatives, the following non-relative adults can receive assistance for a child:

- A legal guardian (whether or not related to the child)

Non-parent caretakers have the option of choosing to be included in the assistance unit if they wish to be.

## **Eligibility of Pregnant Women**

A pregnant woman with no other children is not eligible for assistance.

## **Eligibility of Two-Parent Families**

Two-parent families can be eligible to receive assistance only if one parent is incapacitated or meets the "unemployed" parent requirements.

The "unemployed" parent requirement includes:

- Work history test: Currently working 20 hours per week or has worked 20 hours per week in four weeks prior to application; receiving UCB or has received UCB in the last 12 months; unemployed or working less than 20 hours per week and had earnings of \$500 in the last six months; receiving disability or retirement benefits or has received either in the last 12 months

- The state eliminated the AFDC 100-hour rule

## **Treatment of Parents of Minor Parents**

The grandparent of a child of a minor parent is required to be in the same assistance unit with the minor parent and child if the grandparent resides in the same home and receives assistance.

## **Other Adults in the Assistance Unit**

(e.g., step-parents, spouses of non-parent caretakers, or single parents' partners)

Adults other than parents or non-parent caretakers are not allowed or required to be in the assistance unit.