**Section 114.1 Description of the Assistance Program**

a) The General Assistance program provides – financial and medical assistance to eligible needy families or individuals who are ineligible to receive assistance through a categorical or Federal Assistance Program.

1) Individuals who do not qualify for TANF solely because of refusal or failure to cooperate with Targeted Work Initiative requirements do not qualify for General Assistance.

2) An 18 year old child, who is ineligible for TANF due to the income or assets of his or her parent or parents who are living in the same household, is ineligible to receive Family and Children Assistance as a child only unit.

b) General Assistance is provided to eligible families and to pregnant women, as defined in Section 114.400, through the Family and Children Assistance program. Assistance is provided without regard to any limitation on the number of months an eligible family or pregnant woman may receive such benefits.

c) For Fiscal Year 1992 (July 1, 1991 through June 30, 1992), General Assistance is provided to individual adults, as defined in Section 114.400, through the Transitional Assistance program, with the following limitations:

1) Individuals receiving Transitional Assistance may only receive such assistance for nine calendar months. Receipt of General Assistance or Transitional Assistance for any month in Fiscal Year 1992 (July 1991 through June 1992), shall count towards this limitation.

2) Transitional Assistance shall not be continued pending a final decision in an appeal past the nine month limitation in subsection (c)(1) above, under any circumstances, unless the client has appealed a determination of employability on a timely basis and the hearing is pending on the date the nine month limitation would become effective for that client.

3) Notwithstanding subsection (c)(1) above, eligible individuals may qualify for Transitional Assistance without regard to any limitations on the number of months of eligibility during any time period if the individual is determined to be not employable pursuant to Section 114.2.

d) Effective July 1, 1995, General Assistance is provided to individual adults, as defined in Section 114.400, through the Transitional Assistance program only for those individuals determined to be not employable pursuant to Section 114.2.

e) Individuals determined to be not employable under Section 114.2(b)(1) whose disability is based solely on substance addictions (drug abuse and alcoholism) and whose disability would cease were their addictions to end shall not be eligible for cash benefits, but shall only be eligible for medical assistance.

f) Individuals determined to be not employable under Section 114.2(b)(1) shall be entitled to medical services under 89 Ill. Adm. Code 140.3. All other General Assistance recipients shall be entitled to medical services under 89 Ill. Adm. Code 140.5.

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