**Section 121.26 Periods of Sanction**

a) If an individual fails to comply with work registration requirements (Section 121.23), or fails to comply with TANF work and training requirements (89 Ill. Adm. Code 112.72), or voluntarily quits a job or reduces work hours (Section 121.27), a sanction shall be imposed on that individual for:

1) 3 months for the first violation;

2) 3 months for the second violation; and

3) 6 months for the third or subsequent violations.

b) The period of sanction may end early if:

1) the individual becomes exempt from the requirements; or

2) the individual is no longer a household member. However, if the individual becomes part of another household, the remainder of that sanction period will still be in effect, and that individual's income will be calculated for the new household in accordance with Section 121.73.

c) Participation may be resumed following the end of the last fiscal month of the sanction period if:

1) an application is filed (if the case was canceled as a result of the sanction), or a request is made to add the individual to an active case (if the case remained eligible when the individual was sanctioned); and

2) the individual complies with the program requirements for which the individual was sanctioned; and

3) all other eligibility requirements are met.

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