

**Effective 5/12/2015**

**35A-3-303 Diversion.**

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  - (a) When an applicant applies for cash assistance under this part, the department shall assess whether the applicant should be helped by:
    - (i) diversion to avoid extended cash assistance; or
    - (ii) normal cash assistance under this part.
  - (b) In completing the assessment under this section, the department may consider the following:
    - (i) the applicant's employment history;
    - (ii) the likelihood of the applicant obtaining immediate full-time employment;
    - (iii) the applicant's general prospect for obtaining full-time employment;
    - (iv) the applicant's need for cash assistance to pay for housing or substantial and unforeseen expenses or work-related expenses;
    - (v) housing stability; and
    - (vi) the adequacy of the applicant's child care arrangements, if applicable.
- (2) If the department determines that the applicant should be helped by diversion and the applicant agrees with this determination, the department shall provide a single payment of cash assistance up to three times the maximum monthly amount of cash assistance that the applicant would be otherwise qualified to receive based on household size.
- (3) If the department determines that diversion is not appropriate, an applicant may receive cash assistance as provided in this part.

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