

441—98.33(252.J) Reasons for exemption from license sanction. Certain conditions will be considered valid reasons for exemption from the license sanction process. Upon verification of these conditions, child support services will bypass, exempt, or withdraw the individual's name from referral to licensing agencies for the purpose of applying a license sanction. When the information to verify the exemption is not available to child support services through online sources, child support services will request, and the individual will provide, verification of the reason for exemption. Valid reasons for exemption for failure to comply with a subpoena or warrant and acceptable verification are those listed in subrules 98.33(2), 98.33(3), 98.33(5), and 98.33(6). Valid reasons for exemption for delinquent support payments and acceptable verification are any of the following:

98.33(1) *Receipt of social security, supplemental security income (SSI) or FIP.* Receipt of social security, SSI, FIP, or county assistance (general relief, general assistance, community services, and veteran's assistance), based upon the eligibility of the obligor, is considered a valid reason for exemption when verified by information contained in online sources available to child support services or written verification from the agency providing the benefits.

98.33(2) *Temporary illness or disability.* Temporary illness or disability of the individual or illness or disability of another household member that requires the presence of the individual in the home as caretaker is considered a valid reason for exemption upon receipt of a completed form prescribed by the department verifying the individual's or household member's inability to work.

98.33(3) *Incarceration.* Incarceration is considered a valid reason for exemption when verified through online information available to child support services or upon receipt of verification from the institution.

98.33(4) *Job training.* Participation in a job-training or job-seeking program through the department of employment services as a result of receiving benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program is considered a valid reason for exemption upon receipt of verification from the department of employment services or verification through online information available to child support services or upon receipt of a written statement from an income maintenance worker.

98.33(5) *Chemical dependency treatment.* Participation in a chemical dependency treatment program that is licensed by the department or the joint commission (TJC) is considered a valid reason for exemption upon receipt of written verification from the professional staff of the program that participation in the program precludes the individual from working.

98.33(6) *Contempt process.* Involvement in a contempt action dealing with support issues is considered a valid reason for exemption from the license sanction process during the pendency of the contempt action.

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