

Child Support Good Cause Determinations

What constitutes Good Cause for non-cooperation with child support or medical support?

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DHS 415F

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 - Code CMS
- Page 7 – household insurance benefits when there is a safety risk in pursuing the benefits
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 - Note good cause on 415H that goes to HIG group

DHS 428A

- In application and redeterminations packets
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DHS 8660 – Safety Packet

This packet contains both “Good Cause” and “Non-disclosure based on Claim of Risk” forms.

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 - Send any claim of risk form to DCS
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