

**Sixty-third Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 8, 2013**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1110
(Human Services Committee)
(At the request of the Department of Human Services)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 50-33-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to eligibility decisions for child care assistance.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 50-33-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

50-33-02. Child care assistance - Application for benefits - Applicant's duty to establish eligibility - Decisions - Rules.

1. An individual desiring child care assistance or an individual seeking assistance on behalf of another individual may apply for child care assistance. An applicant shall submit a request for child care assistance in writing to a county agency on a form prescribed by the department. The applicant shall complete, sign, and date the application. Eligibility begins on the first day of the month in which a signed and dated application is received by the county agency. Eligibility may begin on the first day of the month prior to the month in which a signed and dated application is received by the county agency, if the applicant requests child care assistance for that month and demonstrates eligibility in that month.
2. The applicant shall provide information sufficient to establish the eligibility of each individual for whom assistance is requested, including the age, verification of relative relationship, citizenship or resident alien status of the children, verification of participation in an allowable activity, and financial eligibility.
3. An eligibility decision must be made within ~~fifteen~~thirty days on child care assistance applications whenever possible. The county agency shall notify the applicant following a determination of eligibility or ineligibility.
4. The department shall establish rules for the administration of the child care assistance program, including rules on income requirements, appeals of eligibility determinations for child care assistance, closure of a child care assistance case, and a sliding scale fee schedule for child care assistance benefits and to establish and enforce standards against program fraud and abuse.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-third Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1110.

House Vote: Yeas 94 Nays 0 Absent 0

Senate Vote: Yeas 47 Nays 0 Absent 0

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2013.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2013.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2013,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State