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Hastings County Community and Human Services
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Administrative Policies and Procedures

SUBJECT : Extended Absence Policy		
APPROVED BY : County Council		
POLICY #: H.P./L.H.C. 3		
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PURPOSE

To determine the length of time a household can be absent from their unit and still maintain their eligibility for rent geared-to-income (RGI) assistance.

SCOPE

This policy refers to *Housing Services Act, 2011* Prescribed Housing Programs and the Hastings Local Housing Corporation.

REQUIREMENT

A Service Manager may make a local eligibility rule providing for a household to cease to be eligible for rent-geared-to-income assistance if all the members of the household are absent from the unit for which the household receives rent-geared-to-income assistance for more than the maximum number of days specified in the local eligibility rule. A local eligibility rule can be set by the Service Manager to be more than but not less than 60 consecutive days, to a maximum of 90 days in total within a 12 month period.

RESPONSIBILITY

A household is not eligible to receive RGI assistance if all members of the household are absent from the unit for more than 60 consecutive days, to a maximum of 90 days in total within a 12 month period. There are exemptions from the rule such as being absent for medical reasons, employment out of the area, and caring for a family member who does not live in the area.

REFERENCES

Housing Services Act, 2011
Ontario Regulation O. Reg. 367/11, s. 37