

	Maryland State Department of Education/Office of Child Care Child Care Subsidy Program GOOD CAUSE CLAIM	Return To: CCS Central PO Box 17015 Baltimore, MD 21297
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Section 1 Applicant (Custodial Party) General Information	
First Name:	Last Name:
Date of Birth (DOB):	Contact Phone Number:
Social Security Number (SSN) (Optional):	

Section 2 Non-Custodial Party	
First Name:	Last Name:
Social Security Number (SSN) (Optional):	

Section 3 Definition of "Good Cause"
<p>"Good cause for refusing to cooperate in seeking child support" means that cooperation may harm the child involved or the customer. These reasons are limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When cooperation is likely to cause serious physical or emotional harm to the child; • When cooperation is likely to cause serious physical or emotional harm to the customer so that the customer cannot take care of the child; • When the child was born as result of incest or rape; • When the child's legal adoption is being decided by a court; and • When a social service agency is helping the customers decide whether to keep the child or give it up for adoption (<i>as long as this process has not been going on for more than 3 months</i>).

Section 4 Evidence of "Good Cause"
<p>Acceptable evidence to prove a claim of "good cause" is limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birth certificate, medical or police record showing that the child was born as a result of incest or rape; • Court documents showing that the child's legal adoption is being decided by a court; • Court, medical, police, or psychological documents showing that the absent parent might harm the child or the customer; • Medical or mental health professional statement that cooperation may be harmful to the emotional health of the child or the customer; and • Sworn statements from individuals other than the customer who know about the circumstances forming the basis for the customer's good cause claim.

Section 5 Signature	
I have read or have had read to me the definition of good cause and at this time I wish to claim good cause for refusing to cooperate in seeking child support.	
Signature of CCS Customer	Date

NOTE TO CUSTOMER: If you wish to claim good cause, you must submit all evidence to support that claim within 30 days from the date of completion of this form. If you do not submit such evidence within 30 days, you will either have to apply for child support services of your CCS case will be terminated.