

Clinton County Job and Family Services
OWF extension due to "Good Cause" effective 10/01/02
(per 5101:1-23-01 and OWF/PRC Guidance Letter #**)

An assistance group may be granted an extension of OWF assistance payments under "Good Cause" provisions after at least 24 months have passed since reaching Ohio's 36 month OWF time limit if the AG meets one or more of the following criteria:

1. Presumptive disability of the adult member per PAM 5101:1-39-031. *Reason Code 0901*
2. Domestic violence victim and/or DV shelter resident receiving recovery services. *Reason Code 0401*
3. The AG's current PCSA case plan is reliant upon additional OWF months for reasonable progress in achieving stability and self-sufficiency. *Reason Code 0701*
4. Verified AG employment of 12 or more months of 30+ hours/week since reaching the OWF 36 month time limit. *Reason Code 0101*
5. Verified receipt of unemployment compensation benefits by the AG since reaching the OWF 36 month time limits and evidence that the AG is seeking services from CC Works. *Reason Code 0201*
6. New diagnosis of a significant disability of the adult AG member since reaching the 36 month time limit. *Reason Code 0902*
7. Consideration of extraordinary circumstances where CCDJFS Director or designee determines that additional OWF benefits are an integral part of joint case planning with other departments or agencies that will lead to self sufficiency for the AG. *Reason Code 1801*
8. Intercounty transfer *Reason Code 9001*

An AG applying for an OWF Good Cause Extension will need to complete a Clinton County OWF Good Cause Extension request form with their application for OWF specifying the reason that the AG believes they meet the Good Cause definition along with all appropriate documentation for their request.

The agency will determine if the AG has completed the appropriate "Good Cause" 24 month waiting period and if there are any remaining months of assistance available under the 60 month federal TANF cash assistance time limits.

If the request meets these first two tests, then the agency will make a written determination of the AG's eligibility for Good Cause Extension based upon the criteria set forth in this Plan.

If Good Cause is established, the AG will be eligible for any remaining months of OWF assistance up to the Federal 60 month lifetime limit for TANF cash assistance so long as all other eligibility factors are met. (Example: income, work participation and household composition)

AGs not considered eligible under Good Cause will be advised of the agency's decision in writing and are afforded all ODJFS state hearing rights.

The above Clinton County Department of Job and Family Services OWF Good Cause Extension Policy is adopted effective October 1, 2002 and will remain in effect until amended in writing by the Director of Clinton County Department of Job and Family Services.

John S. Hosler
John S.Hosler, Director

08/21/02
Date

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OWF Good Cause Extension request form
Clinton County Job and Family Services

I am requesting an extension of OWF assistance payments under "Good Cause" provisions. At least 24 months have passed since I reached my 36 month OWF time limit. I am requesting this extension because I meet one or more of the following criteria (Please check all that apply to you or your assistance group.):

- G** 1. Presumptive disability of the adult member per PAM 5101:1-39-031. *Reason Code 0901*
(Examples would be: amputations of two limbs or a leg at the hip, total blindness, total deafness, bed confinement, stroke, cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy or muscular atrophy, severe mental deficiency, AIDS or HIV where individual is unable to work.)
- G** 2. Domestic violence victim and/or DV shelter resident receiving recovery services. *Reason Code 0401*
- G** 3. The AG's current Public Children Services Agency (PCSA) case plan is reliant upon additional OWF months for reasonable progress in achieving stability and self-sufficiency. *Reason Code 0701*
- G** 4. Verified AG employment of 12 or more months of 30+ hours/week since reaching the OWF 36 month time limit. *Reason Code 0101*
- G** 5. Verified receipt of unemployment compensation benefits by the AG since reaching the OWF 36 month time limits and evidence that the AG is seeking services from CC Works. *Reason Code 0201*
- G** 6. A new diagnosis of a significant disability of the adult AG member since reaching the 36 month time limit. *Reason Code 0902*
- G** 7. Consideration of extraordinary circumstances where CCDJFS Director or designee determines that additional OWF benefits are an integral part of joint case planning with other departments or agencies that will lead to self sufficiency for the AG. *Reason Code 1801*

Please explain circumstances and agencies you are working with: _____

- G** 8. Intercounty transfer. *Reason Code 9001*

Please list what evidence you have or can make available to the agency in support of your request for extending OWF assistance under Good Cause provisions:

I understand that if Good Cause is established our Assistance Group will be eligible for only the remaining months of OWF assistance up to the Federal 60 month lifetime limit for TANF cash assistance as long as all other eligibility factors for OWF are met. Decisions will be made in writing and the AG will have ODJFS State Hearing Rights. Good Cause extension requests will be made within 15 calendar days of receipt of this form and will be based upon documents and verifications available to the agency within that time frame.

Signature of person completing form

Date

Address

Phone

SSN