

MORGAN COUNTY GOOD CAUSE EXTENSION CRITERIA

In accordance with ORC section 5107.18, an assistance group is ineligible to participate in OWF if the assistance group includes an adult who has participated in the OWF program for thirty-six months. Section (B) provides that an assistance group that has ceased to participate in OWF due to the thirty-six month time limit for at least a twenty-four month waiting period may be eligible to participate in OWF eligibility if the family is determined to have “good cause”. The good cause extension may be provided for no more than a total of twenty-four months whether consecutive or not. Any months of receipt of state hardship after the thirty-six month time limit count toward the federal sixty month limit and reduce the amount of potentially available months under good cause. Receipt of OWF under a good cause extension cannot result in the assistance group receiving more than the federal sixty month time limit.

An application will be necessary to determine OWF eligibility based on the county good cause extension criteria.

- 0158 – Loss of Employment – verified layoff due to lack of work or company closing. The adult parent may not be eligible until verification of exhausting the unemployment benefits within the last thirty days. Client did not cause job loss.
- 0358 – Divorce – unable to find employment due to not working within the last five years and had been supported by the most recent former spouse, within the last 60 days.
- 0458 – Domestic Violence – domestic violence issue which must be verified by court or law enforcement, unable to work due to ongoing verified treatment.
- 0758 – Child Protective Services Case Plan – satisfactorily working on completing current active case plan for reunification requirements.
- 0858 – Dependent Care Barriers – child is severely disabled and caretaker is unable to secure ongoing care for employment purposes.
- 0958 – Disability/Medical Condition – must have active application pending for SSI/SSDI/WC/VA prior to date of application for OWF or unable to work due to physical or mental illness which would threaten the health of the pregnant mother and/or baby. The adult must have been employed at least twelve months of the twenty-four month waiting period, or received unemployment benefits during the last twelve months of the twenty-four month waiting period.