

BUTLER COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 00-6-

Resolved By the Board of County Commissioners of Butler County, Ohio, That

WHEREAS, The Butler County Human Services Planning Committee (HSPC) has submitted the following recommendations for exempting certain Butler County families from losing OWF benefits at the expiration of their 36 months of eligibility to The Butler County Work Place, Butler County's Department of Job & Family Services:

1. Any Assistance Group whose parent or caretaker must provide medically necessary full-time care for an immediate family member (child, spouse, parent or sibling) residing in their home. The medical necessity of remaining in the home to care for the disabled individual must be verified by a physician's statement. BCDHS reserves the right to secure and rely upon a second opinion from a medical provider of its choice.
2. An Assistance Group whose parent or caretaker has a serious physical/mental illness or condition rendering them incapacitated for employment. The incapacity must be verified by a physician. SSI or Social Security must be pending. BCDHS reserves the right to secure and rely upon a second opinion from a medical provider of its choice.
3. An Assistance Group whose adult caretaker is medically verified to be six or more months pregnant or caring for a child less than thirteen weeks of age.
4. An Assistance Group whose parent or caretaker's capacity to retain employment is being disrupted by domestic violence and is actively seeking help, as evidenced by residence in a spousal abuse shelter, a current protective court order, a police report or a sworn affidavit, coupled with steps to resolve the situation (such as retention of an attorney).
5. An Assistance Group whose parent or caretaker's capacity to retain employment is being compromised by chemical dependency and is actively seeking help, as evidenced by current participation in an approved residential substance abuse treatment program. This extension is for a period not to exceed two months.
6. An Assistance Group whose parent or caretaker is enrolled and in good standing in a BCDHS-approved education or training program that was commenced at least six months prior to the expiration of the original thirty-six months of OWF eligibility.
7. An Assistance Group whose parent or caretaker has so many dependant children that employment may not be economically feasible (four or more children aged thirteen and under), if one of the following exists:

Unavailability of appropriate child care within a reasonable distance from the parent's home or work site; or

Unavailability or unsuitability of informal child care by a relative or under other arrangements; or

Unavailability of appropriate and affordable formal child care arrangements.

WHEREAS, The Butler County Work Place, Butler County's Department of Job & Family Services agrees with the recommendations of the Butler County Human Services Planning Committee (HSPC) for "Hardship Extensions" for certain Butler County families.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that approval is hereby granted for The Butler County Work Place, Butler County's Department of Job & Family Services to adopt said "Hardship Exemptions" for said Butler County families.

Commissioner _____ moved for the adoption of the foregoing resolution.
Commissioner _____ seconded the motion and upon call of the roll,
the vote resulted as follows:

Commissioner Combs
Commissioner Fox
Commissioner Furmon

Adopted:

Attest: _____, **Clerk**