

**BUTLER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
OHIO WORKS FIRST HARDSHIP CRITERIA
(Revised 04-18-11)**

Any assistance group whose parent or caretaker must provide medically necessary full-time care for a child or spouse 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.

An assistance group whose parent or caretaker has a serious physical or mental condition rendering them incapacitated for gainful employment. The incapacity must be verified by a physician. SSI or Social Security application or appeal must be pending if the parent or caretaker claims complete disability. Butler county Department of Job and Family Services reserves the right to secure and rely on a second opinion from a medical provider of its choice.

An assistance group whose caretaker is caring for a maternal/paternal child less than nine weeks of age.

An assistance group whose parent or caretaker's capacity to gain or retain employment is being disrupted by domestic violence and is actively seeking help, as evidenced by residing in a spousal abuse shelter, a current protection court order, a police report or sworn affidavit, coupled with steps to resolve the situation (such as retention of an attorney).