

**HARDSHIP CRITERIA
FOR
ERIE COUNTY**

PRIORITY A Participant has a verified medical or mental condition that “substantially” limits his/her ability to become gainfully employed. The current physician’s verification is required via 7302, basic medical, completed in its entirety (“substantially” is defined as “not able to perform **ANY** physical labor). The participant’s physician must provide current verification of a plan of treatment which must include the date the participant may return to work or training. (Erie County DJFS, reserves the right to secure and rely upon a medical provider of its choice.)

The participant must be aggressively cooperating in every aspect of the physician’s plan of treatment. At whatever point the participant fails to cooperate with the plan of treatment, the hardship extension will end and the OWF will close.

SSI must be pending and the individual must be cooperating in the process required by Social Security.

AG must be participating in a Developmental or alternative assignment

Or

actively involved with BVR’s assessment and plan for AG’s re-training for current/future employment.

The participant must have a minor child in the household and the child must be in good academic standing, i.e.: attending school regularly - copy of report card required, at every quarter - copy of student’s mid-term if applicable. If student’s average grades are less than A.C. - parent and student must be willing to be assisted by a tutor based on a meeting with the school and their assessment and willing to participate in the Career Booster Program.

PRIORITY B An AG whose parent or caretaker’s capacity to retain employment is being disrupted by domestic violence and is seeking help, as evidenced by residence in a spousal abuse shelter, a current protective order, a police report coupled with steps to resolve the situation, (such as retention of an attorney).

PRIORITY A May be granted a hardship exemption up to 6 Months and will be reviewed bi-monthly to ensure hardship is continuing.

PRIORITY B May be granted a hardship exemption up to 6 Months and will be reviewed bi-monthly to ensure hardship is continuing.