Meigs County Department of Job and Family Services
OWF Time Limit and Determination of Hardship

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5107.18, the Meigs County Department of Job and Family Services may exempt assistance groups from the thirty-six month time limit on the grounds that the Meigs County Department of Job and Family Services determine that the time limit is a hardship.

The Meigs County Department of Job and Family Services will determine that the time limit is a hardship for assistance groups having exhausted the thirty-six month time limit and meeting at least one or more of the following conditions:

1. The assistance group member is a pregnant woman who is physically unable to work due to her pregnancy. Physician's statement required. RSN CODE 1407

2. The assistance group member is a single custodial parent of a child under the age of three months. RSN CODE 0103

3. An adult assistance group member is required to be in the home to care for an immediate family member residing in the same home as the OWF assistance group. This immediate family member must be disabled or terminally ill and other arrangements for the care of this individual is not available. Physician's recommendation is required. RSN CODE 0302

4. The adult assistance group member of the OWF has been a victim of domestic violence and available evidence demonstrates that the condition impacts the ability to obtain/retain employment. RSN CODE 0504

5. The adult assistance group member of the OWF is unable to work due to physical incapacity/mental health issues and is currently receiving treatment. Physician's statement is required. RSN CODE 1408

6. If the adult assistance group member is claiming disability and has an active SSI claim pending. This claim must have been filed within the last six months prior to the thirty-six month time limit ending or within 60 days of the onset of a disabling accident or illness . The individual must work with MCDJFS to establish eligibility. Eligibility Worker will follow up with appropriate notices regarding SSI status. Verification of active SSI application/reconsideration is required. RSN CODE 0401

7. The OWF child(ren) has been removed from the assistance group by the Children Services Division of Meigs County Department of Job and Family Services and the caretaker is actively cooperating with the PCSA case plan (as determined by PCSA) toward reunification. RSN CODE 0206

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8. The adult assistance group member has a barrier to employment due to total lack of transportation services. Only one extension of OWF cash assistance beyond the thirty-six month limit due to this condition will be granted and will not exceed three months. RSN CODE 1405

The Meigs County Department of Job and Family Services will determine eligibility for OWF cash benefits beyond the thirty-six month time limit in accordance with all applicable law, departmental rules, policies and procedures.

The Meigs County Department of Job and Family Services reserves the right, under ORC Section 5107.18, to add, delete, or modify conditions of hardship at its discretion.

This policy is effective 12/01/2010.

Chris Shank, Director — Date: 11-22-10