

MONROE COUNTY HARDSHIP CRITERIA

1. Disability of the OWF parent. In two-parent OWF households, both parents must meet this hardship. In order for the time limit to be considered a hardship for this OWF household, the disabled parent must have an application for SSI currently in pending or appeal status with the Social Security Administration. The application for SSI must have been filed within six months prior to the issuance of the 36th OWF cash benefit or within 60 days of the onset of a disabling accident or illness. The disabled parent must be cooperating with the County Medical Services disability determination process. An extension to the time limit set forth in ORC Section 5101.18 will be granted to the OWF household containing the disabled parent through the Appeals Council decision of the SSI disability determination process provided all other conditions of eligibility for OWF continue to be met.

Staff identified 4 households within the current caseload that would potentially meet this criteria within FY '01 if the time limit is exhausted.

2. A single parent caring for a disabled family member. In order for the time limit to be considered a hardship for this OWF household, the disabled family member must be a biological or adoptive child of the single parent or step child if the biological or adoptive parent is not residing in the home. The parent must provide a statement from the most current treating medical doctor and/or mental health professional that the disabling condition of the family member requires in-home care of no one other than the parent which prevents the parent from being able to obtain/maintain employment. The disabled family member must have an application for SSI currently in pending or appeal status with the Social Security Administration. An extension of the time limit set forth in ORC Section 5107.18 will be granted as long as the parent continues to provide the required medical statement and all other conditions of eligibility for OWF continue to be met.

Staff identified 0 households within the current caseload that would potentially meet this criteria within FY '01 if the time limit is exhausted.