

Scioto County Department of Job & Family Services (SCDJFS)
OWF Hardship Exemption Amendment

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OWF Hardship Descriptions

- An Assistance Group whose adult caretaker is medically verified to be six or more months pregnant or caring for a child less than 13 weeks of age.
- An Assistance Group whose parent or caretaker is caring for a child under age six and appropriate child care is not available as documented by SCDJFS' Social Services Administrator.
- 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 Disability must be pending. SCDJFS reserves the right to secure and rely upon a second opinion from a medical provider of its choice or a decision rendered by the ODJFS Disability Determination Area (DDA).
- An 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 on a completed Basic Medical form (JFS 07302). SCDJFS reserves the right to secure and rely upon a second opinion from a medical provider of its choice.
- An Assistance Group whose parent or caretaker's capacity to retain employment is being disrupted by domestic violence. The individual must participate in a work activity unless there is supporting documentation to waive participation. An extension may be granted up to six months.
- An Assistance Group whose parent or caretaker has been screened and diagnosed as chemically dependent and is actively seeking help, as evidenced by current participation in an approved residential substance abuse treatment program. The extension is for a period not to exceed three months.
- An Assistance Group whose parent or caretaker is enrolled and in good standing in an education or training program that, in itself or in combination with other assignments, meets their work participation requirement. The participant must have completed at least 50% of the program. The maximum extension allowed is one year.
- An Assistance Group whose teen parent is enrolled and in good standing in High School and for up to twelve months after receipt of their HS Diploma/GED. Those who are not attending high school full-time must be assigned to and fulfilling their work activity requirement.
- An Assistance Group whose parent or caretaker has unique personal circumstances as determined by the SCDJFS' OWF hardship committee. The committee will consider factors such as the contribution of the parent(s) or caretaker toward the self-sufficiency of the AG during and after the exhaustion of the thirty six month time limit. The extension may be granted up to three months.
- Transfer in case with a current OWF hardship extension.