

Warren County Department of Human Services

OWF-HARDSHIP DETERMINATIONS

In accordance with Public Assistance Manual Section 5101:1-23-01 and Ohio Revised Code section 5107.18(E) an Ohio Works First (OWF) assistance group may be exempt from the thirty six (36) month time limit on the receipt of OWF assistance.

The Warren County Department of Human Services will consider granting Hardship Exemptions to OWF time limited eligibility using the following guidelines and procedures:

Assistance Groups (AGs) that have exhausted their time limited assistance must make application for Hardship Exemption. Any written or documented verbal request will establish the date of such a request.

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The AG must not be under any program sanction that would limit the benefits available to the household and be in compliance with applicable benefit recovery regulations.

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The AG must develop and/or maintain their Self Sufficiency Contract and be in compliance with all required work activities.

Hardship requests may be considered where:

1. The adult participant has a disability decision pending or a denial that is under appeal with The Social Social Security Administration, up to but not beyond the Administrative Law Judge(ALJ) level. If granted, the Hardship Extension will be valid for no longer that 3 months, additional extensions may be granted if the above conditions continue to be met by the AG.
- or
2. The AG member is a single parent caring for a disabled family member and no other acceptable arrangement can be made for the care of the disabled member of the AG. OWF benefits are subject to review at 3 month intervals, but may continue until such time that acceptable care can be arranged.

Additional Conditions:

The granting of any Hardship Exemption is contingent upon available levels of funding and slots as determined by relevant ORC and OAC rules.

All Hardship requests will be reviewed to determine if the County PRC plan could be utilized to provide temporary work related services to the AG.