

**JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
OF CLARK COUNTY**

**CONSIDERATION OF GOOD CAUSE CONDITIONS
FOR OHIO WORKS FIRST (OWF)
(revised February 2010)**

An assistance group may be granted an extension of OWF Benefits beyond Ohio's thirty six (36) month time limit under "Good Cause" provisions as set forth in section 5107.18 (B) of the Ohio Revised Code and this policy. Good Cause extensions may be granted provided at least 24 months have passed since the assistance group reached the thirty six (36) month time limit. Receipt of OWF under both "Hardship" and "Good Cause" will be counted with the 36 month limit towards the Federal 60 month time limit.

The assistance group must provide verification whether any members of the assistance group had employment during the period they were not participating in OWF and the amount and source of the assistance group income during that period.

Anyone granted an extension is subject to the work activity participation requirements. If any individual should fail to participate as required, the extension is discontinued.

The Good Cause conditions that Clark County has identified are:

- 1) The individual has experienced a verified loss of income from employment due to layoff, on-the-job injury, or company closing. The individual did not cause his or her own job loss. **Reason code: 0112**
- 2) The parent or caretaker in an assistance group is not self-sufficient due to a recent divorce or legal separation (within the last 3 months). The individual has not worked within the last 5 years, has barriers to employment, and was supported by the spouse. Verification of divorce or legal separation is required. **Reason code: 0312**
- 3) The individual is a victim of domestic violence. The individual must provide verification by law enforcement or court order that they are a recent victim (within the last 3 months) and verification of active participation in a recovery plan that is closely monitored by the appropriate social service agency. **Reason code: 0412**
- 4) The single parent or caretaker is providing care for a disabled immediate family member (limited to child, sibling, spouse, parent) living in the same household, and other acceptable arrangements for the disabled member's care are not available. The medical necessity for the individual's need to provide care must be verified by a physician. **Reason code: 0812**
- 5) The individual has a physical/mental incapacity that has occurred within the last six months that has prevented them from being self-sufficient. Incapacity must be verified by a qualified physician or mental health provider. **Reason code: 0912**

- 6) Unique personal circumstances exist. The family has experienced a catastrophic event that is a barrier to continued self-sufficiency. **Reason code: 0512**
- 7) Case transferred to Clark County with Good Cause already granted in the prior county. **Reason code: 1812**
- 8) OWF Good Cause case—inter-county transfer. **Reason code: 9012**

***NOTE:

In order for a two (2) parent assistance group to qualify for “Good Cause”, both parents must meet at least one (1) of the Good Cause criterion in this plan