

OWF TIME LIMITS: TRACKING RECEIPT OF ASSISTANCE AND ASSISTANCE GROUP MOVEMENT

Husband (Man #1)	Wife (Woman #1)
<p>Husband and wife receive 24 months of assistance with their common children and the woman's child by a previous relationship.</p>	
<p>The couple separates and the woman and her child move in with that child's father.</p>	

Woman #1	Man #2
<p>The woman has received 24 months of assistance as the <u>spouse of an adult head of household.</u></p>	<p>The man has received 8 months of assistance as the <u>adult head of household</u> with the mother of his other child and their child.</p>

Because the couple is **unmarried**, the household must designate the head of household. The household chooses the man who has used 8 months. This **assistance group** has **24** months of assistance.

From this point forward only the **man accumulates months and the **woman**, who is not head of household **does not accumulate** months.*

The assistance group will not become ineligible until it contains an adult that received assistance for 36 months *while head of household, or married to the head of household.*

Woman #1
<p>The man and the woman separate and the woman moves into her own household with her child. The woman now has received 24 months of assistance (<u>received previously as the spouse of head of household.</u>). She did not accumulate months while residing with the man because she was neither <u>head of household or the spouse of the head of household.</u> Had the woman remained with the man more than 12 months, and separated from the man at a later time, she would still have used only 24 months upon separating from the man.</p>

Man #1	Woman #1
<p>Man and woman are unmarried. Man and woman each have a child by a previous relationship and they have one common child. The household has designated the man as head of household. The assistance group has received 30 months of assistance.</p>	
<p>The woman and her child and the common child move out of the household and in with another man with whom she has a child.</p>	

Woman #1	Man #2
<p>The man currently has received 33 months of assistance as head of household with the couple's child. The household designates the woman as head of household. The assistance group has received 33 months.</p> <p>*From this point forward only the <i>woman accumulates</i> months and the <i>man</i>, who is not head of household <i>does not accumulate</i> months.</p> <p>**Even though the assistance group has 33 months, the assistance group includes 2 unmarried adults. The woman, designated as the head of household, will accumulate months. The assistance group will not become ineligible until it contains an adult that received assistance for 36 months while head of household, or married to the head of household.</p>	
<p>The household receives 10 months of assistance and then separate. (Even though the man has received a total of 43 months of cash assistance, only 33 of those months were while he was head-of-household: the man has still only received 33 and the woman has received 10.) The woman and her two children move back in with Man #1, and Man #2 remains his own household.</p>	

Man #1	Woman #1	Man #2
<p>Man #1 had continued to receive 6 additional months of assistance while the woman was out of the household, Man #1 has used up his 36 months of assistance (30 + 6). Because this AG contains an adult who participated in OWF for 36 months while head of household, or married to the head of household, this assistance group is ineligible to receive any additional months of assistance unless a hardship applies, as determined by the CDHS.</p>		<p>Man #2 has received 33 months of assistance as an adult head of household</p>

Man #1	Woman #1
<p>Man and Woman are unmarried. Man is designated as head of household. They receive OWF for 15 months.</p>	
<p>The couple separates. The woman takes her child from a previous relationship and moves into an assistance group with this child's father.</p>	

Woman #1	Man #2
<p>Man and Woman are unmarried. Man had previously received OWF as head of household for 20 months. The woman has 0 months as head of household or married to the head of household, so the assistance group designates the woman as head of household. They receive 10 months of OWF with the woman as head of household.</p>	
<p>The couple separates, the woman moves back with Man #1.</p>	

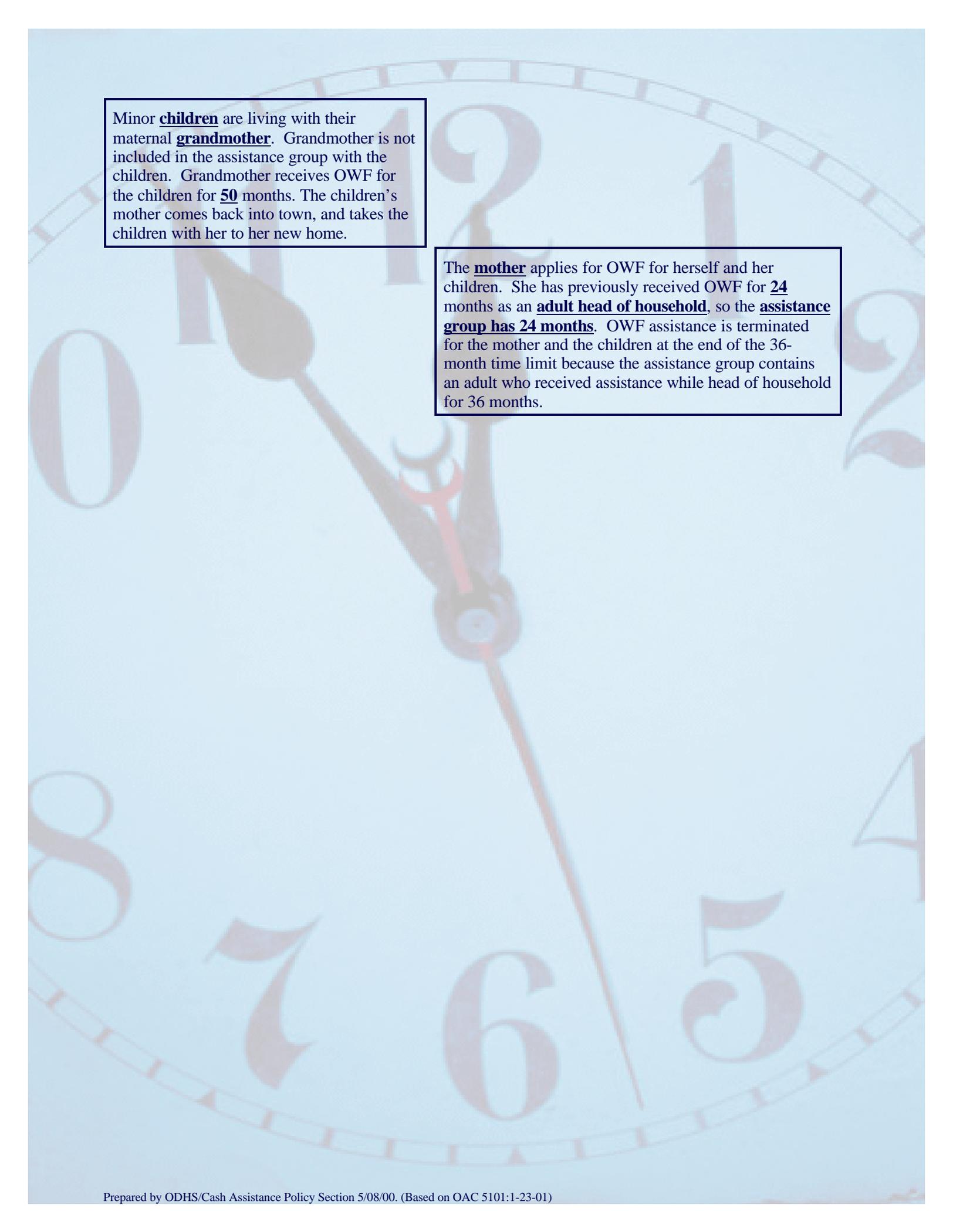
Man #1	Woman #1
<p>Man #1 had received 3 more months as head of household while woman was gone, so he has 18 months as head of household. Woman #1 has 10 months of head of household. Since Man #1 was originally designated as head of household in this assistance group, the provisions in paragraph (C) of rule 5101:1-23-01 apply - the head of household for this assistance group must be Man #1. Paragraph (C) of rule 5101:1-23-01 states, in part, "...Once the head of household designation has been made for time limit purposes, that designation shall remain unchanged as long as the assistance group contains both parents..."</p>	

Woman receives OWF as adult **head of household** with her children for **36** months.

After the 36-month time limit expires, assistance is terminated and the CDHS determines that the assistance group does not meet the county's hardship criteria for an extension.

The **children** go to live with their maternal grandmother. Grandmother applies for assistance for the children - she does not request assistance for herself. Since receipt of assistance is only tracked for adults who are heads of household, spouse of head of household, pregnant minor head of household, minor head of household and spouse of such head of household, receipt of OWF for 36 months with their mother does not affect the grandmother's ability to receive OWF benefits for the children while they reside with her.

In addition, if the grandmother subsequently is in need and chooses to be included in the assistance group with the children, prior receipt by the children's mother does not affect the grandmother's potential eligibility to be included as an adult head of household. However, once she is included in the assistance group with the children, receipt of assistance is tracked for her, and she is subject to the 36-month limit. Upon the expiration of the 36-month limit for the grandmother, the grandmother will no longer be eligible for OWF cash assistance (unless hardship is determined to exist) and must be removed from the assistance group. OWF cash assistance may continue for the children as a child-only assistance group if all other eligibility requirements continue to be met.



Minor **children** are living with their maternal **grandmother**. Grandmother is not included in the assistance group with the children. Grandmother receives OWF for the children for **50** months. The children's mother comes back into town, and takes the children with her to her new home.

The **mother** applies for OWF for herself and her children. She has previously received OWF for **24** months as an **adult head of household**, so the **assistance group has 24 months**. OWF assistance is terminated for the mother and the children at the end of the 36-month time limit because the assistance group contains an adult who received assistance while head of household for 36 months.