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## **ODJFS Expands and Enhances Online Application Website**

COLUMBUS, OHIO – The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) has made several enhancements to a website that allows Ohioans to apply for food, cash and medical assistance online. Now applicants and recipients of those services can use the site – <http://ODJFSBenefits.ohio.gov> – to check the status of their applications, review current and past case information, complete reapplication forms, and complete interim reports.

“These improvements will make it easier for Ohioans to access our services, and easier for county caseworkers to help them,” said ODJFS Director Michael Colbert. “It will ease the administrative workload at county agencies, and allow us to better serve Ohio’s most vulnerable children and families.”

Among other things, the website enhancements allow users to:

- View their benefits
- View their benefit history for the last 12 months
- Check the balance on their food and cash assistance cards
- Enroll in a managed care plan for their medical assistance
- View a list of notices sent to them within the last six months
- Complete and electronically sign reapplication forms
- Complete and electronically sign interim reports, if they receive cash or food assistance and were certified to receive benefits for 12 or 24 months.

The Online Benefit Application launched in November 2010. Since then, more than 62,000 Ohioans have used it to apply for services.

