

**OWF Time Limits and Hardship Criteria  
for Holmes County  
Effective January 1, 2008**

State law permits the county Job and Family Services to exempt up to 20% of OWF assistance groups who have participated in the program for the allotted 36-month time frame. The extensions of the time limit will be based on documentation that a hardship exists.

Every attempt will be made to help the participant to overcome the employment/self-sufficiency barriers prior to the exhaustion of the 36-month time limit.

Those granted an exemption would be reviewed on a monthly basis. During the exemption the participant will be working with his/her case worker and/or job coaches in order to prepare for self-sufficiency. All criteria for exemptions will be time limited (6 months) and will require self-sufficiency contracts geared toward problem solving and their hardship.

The condition listed below is the only criteria that Holmes County Department of Job and Family Services will use to determine a hardship exemption.

**Domestic Violence** - A Civil Protection Order (CPO) must be filed and the victim must follow through with all the court orders. Additional referrals to community organizations that provide services to victims of domestic violence and active case management will be a requirement.