

**Muskingum County Department OF Job &
Family Services
24 Month Hardship Criteria
Effective 10/01/00
(Revised 2/15/12)**

Under O.R.C. 5107.18, A County Department of Job and Family Services can declare up to twenty percent (20%) of its average caseloads during the prior Federal Fiscal Year to be under a “hardship” and grant such Assistance Groups an exemption in order to continue assistance. Prior to the expiration of Assistance Group’s thirty-six (36) months of assistance, the Assistance Group will be reviewed to determine potential eligibility for hardship exemption. In the case of a two-parent Assistance Group, both adults must meet a hardship exemption. The Muskingum County Department of Job and Family Services (MCDJFS), at its sole discretion, will extend benefits to not more than twenty percent (20%) of its average caseload.

Assistance Groups qualifying for a hardship exemption will be evaluated on a monthly basis to determine if the hardship exemption is still applicable.

The MCDJFS reserves the right to amend the criteria. Such amendments will be made public prior to their effective date, whenever possible.

Muskingum County Hardship Exemptions and Reason Codes

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Exemption 1:

Code 0401

The individual is providing care for a disabled spouse, parent of common child, or “minor” child as defined in OAC rule 5101:1- 1 (O) and the disabled individual is either a member of the OWF AG or an individual ineligible to be included or excluded from the AG under OAC rule 5101:1-23-10 (C) and (D). Other acceptable arrangements for the disabled member’s care are not available. A statement from a licensed M.D., D.O., or Ph.D. is required. Exemption shall not exceed 12 months from the date of the required statement.

Exemption 2:

Code 0402

The individual has not been able to participate in assigned work activities due to a physical or mental incapacity that has been verified by a licensed M.D., D.O. or Ph.D., and the individual has an application for SSI/SSDI pending. Exemption shall not exceed 12 months from the date of application for SSI and/or SSDI.

Exemption 3:

Code 0504

The individual is a victim of domestic violence in accordance with OAC rule 5101:1-3-20.