



Department of
Job and Family Services

Mike DeWine, Governor

Kimberly Hall, Director

Julie Mikkelson, SNAP Director
Midwest Regional Office
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Dear Ms. Mikkelson:

Attached please find a request to waive the time limits for able bodied adults without dependents described in 7 CFR 273.24(b) for thirteen Ohio county agencies. In accordance with 7 CFR 273.24(f)(2), our request includes the data and methodology we relied upon when determining which Ohio county agencies would be subject to this waiver request.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Wanda Ellis at (614) 644-1311 or Wanda.Ellis@jfs.ohio.gov.

Sincerely,

Wanda Ellis, Deputy Director
Office of Family Assistance
Ohio Department of Job and Family Services
Attachment

WAIVER REQUEST OUTLINE

1. **Waiver serial number:**
2. **Type of request:**
3. **Regulatory citation: 7 CFR 273.24(b)**
4. **Secondary regulation citation, if any:**
4. **State:** Ohio
5. **Region:** Midwest Region
6. **Regulatory requirements:** In accordance with the requirements described in 7 CFR 273.24(b), an individual is not eligible to participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) as a member of any household if the individual received food assistance for more than three countable months during any three-year period. Exceptions to the time limit are described in 7 CFR 273.24(c).
8. **Proposed alternative procedures:** For individuals in thirteen Ohio county agencies that do not qualify for an exemption or an exception to the time limit described in 7 CFR 273.24(b), Ohio proposes to waive the time limit. The county agencies subject to the request are: Adams, Coshocton, Gallia, Jackson, Jefferson, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Noble, Ottawa, Pike, , Scioto, and Vinton.
9. **Justification for request:** In accordance with 7 CFR 273.24(f)(2)(ii), a State may waive the work requirement for able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWD) when data from the US Bureau of Labor Statistics, indicates that an area has a 24-month average unemployment rate that exceeds 120% of the national rate for a recent 24-month period, and is 6% or above. As a result of the new standards in 7 CFR 273.24(f) effective April 1, 2020, Ohio determined that thirteen county agencies qualified for a waiver. The county agencies are: Adams, Coshocton, Gallia, Jackson, Jefferson, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Noble, Ottawa, Pike, Scioto, and Vinton. The data utilized to make this determination was based on Labor Market Areas (LMAs) established by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics(BLS) and unemployment data for the 24-month period between July 2017 and June 2019.

Methodology

For FFY 2020, Ohio used the methodology prescribed by FNS in the "SNAP - Guide to Supporting Requests to Waive the Time Limit for ABAWDs" (pages 7-10), and evaluated the data to ensure that the 24-month average unemployment rate of the requested area was not less than 6%

10. Anticipated impact on households and State agency operations: This waiver applies only to individuals who are receiving benefits in the specified counties. Individuals in these counties will not be subject to the time limits of 7 CFR 273.24(b). These individuals will still be required to participate in Ohio's SNAP Employment and Training Program.

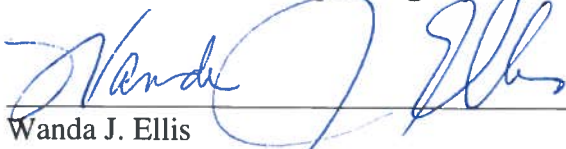
11. Caseload information, including percent, characteristics, and quality control error rate for affected portion: As of October 2019, Ohio had 1,329,465 individuals receiving SNAP. In November 2019, there were 3,731 ABAWDs in the thirteen counties identified above. Ohio's final quality control error rate for FFY 18 was 7.46 %

12. Anticipated implementation date and time period for which waiver is needed: April 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020

13. Proposed quality control review procedures: No special procedures will be required for this waiver. Cases will continue to be reviewed using standard review procedures contained in the FNS 310 Handbook.

14. State agency submitting waiver request and State contact person: Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Wanda Ellis.

15. Signature and title of requesting official:


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16. Date of request: January 10, 2020

17. State agency staff contact (name/email/telephone): Ashley Howard,
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