

May 19, 2006

2030065

**SUBJECT:** FSP –Ohio – ABAWD Waivers

**TO:** Tim English  
Regional Director  
Food Stamp Program  
Midwest Regional Office

This is in response to your May 15, 2006, memorandum forwarding a request from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services to modify and to extend waiver 2030065. We are approving this request.

Please find attached our detailed response. Please contact Susan Burgess if you have questions or need additional information.

/s/  
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Assistant Chief  
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Program Development Division

Attachment(s)

cc: All Regions (except MWRO) w/Attachment  
Dan Wilusz, QC, PAD w/Attachment  
Bob Dalrymple, OANE w/Attachment

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## WAIVER RESPONSE

1. **Waiver Serial Number:** 2030065
2. **Type of Request:** Extension and Modification
3. **Primary regulation citation:** 7 CFR 273.24
4. **Secondary regulation citation:** N/A
5. **State:** Ohio
6. **Region:** Midwest
7. **Regulatory Requirement:** 7 CFR 273.24 provides that no individual shall be eligible to participate in the Food Stamp Program as a member of any household if, during the preceding 36-month period, the individual received food stamp benefits for not less than 3 months (consecutive or otherwise), during which the individual did not work 20 hours or more per week, averaged monthly; did not participate in and comply with the requirements of a work program for 20 hours or more per week; did not participate in and comply with requirements of a program under Section 20 or a comparable program established by the State; or received benefits because they were exempt from these requirements.

7 CFR 273.24(f) also provides that, upon the request of a State Agency, the Secretary may waive the applicability of the above provision for any group of individuals in the State if the Secretary makes a determination that the area in which the individuals reside has an unemployment rate of over 10 percent, or does not have a sufficient number of jobs to provide employment for the individuals.

8. **Description of proposed alternative procedures:**

The State is requesting a 1-year waiver of the regulatory requirements listed in paragraph 7 for the counties listed in the table below, based upon the inclusion of these counties in a region that has a combined aggregate average unemployment rate that is at least 20 percent above the national average during a recent 24-month period.

Regions & Counties	Average Unemployment Rate January 2004 – December 2005
Sub-Region of Central Economic Development Region (Fayette, Pickaway, Madison)	6.4%
Sub-Region of Southwest Central Economic Development Region (Clark, Darke, Miami, Montgomery, Preble, Shelby)	6.3%
Sub-Region of West Central Economic Development Region (Allen, Putnam)	6.3%
Northwest Economic Development Region (Defiance, Erie, Fulton, Henry, Lucas, Ottawa, Sandusky, Williams, Wood)	6.7%
North Central Economic Development Region (Ashland, Crawford, Huron, Knox, Marion, Morrow, Richland, Seneca, Wyandot)	6.6%
Southern Economic Development Region (Adams, Brown, Gallia, Highland, Jackson, Lawrence, Pike, Ross, Scioto, Vinton)	7.6%
East Central Economic Development Region (Belmont, Carroll, Columbiana, Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Holmes, Jefferson, Muskingum, Tuscarawas)	7.0%
Southeast Economic Development Region (Athens, Hocking, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Noble, Perry, Washington)	7.5%
Northeast Economic Development Region (Ashtabula, Mahoning, Trumbull)	7.1%
Stark County	6.5%

National Average January 2004-December 2005: 5.3%  
20% above National Average: 6.3%

9. **Action and reason for approval or denial:** We are approving the waiver for the jurisdictions listed in paragraph 8 in accordance with the request submitted by the State. All of the data submitted by the State meets the requirements of approval pursuant to 7 CFR 273.24(f)(3) and additional FNS guidance.
10. **Regulatory or legislative basis for action:** This waiver is approved pursuant to 7 CFR 273.24(f)(3)(i), (ii), and (iii).
11. **Conditions and reasons:** None.
12. **Information required for extension:** To receive an extension the State agency must provide data or other information as described in 273.24(f)(2) and (f)(3). If Ohio wishes to receive an extension based on unemployment rates, they must provide us with all supporting documentation, including spreadsheets in digital form.
13. **Expiration date:** This waiver is effective beginning July 1, 2006 and will expire on June 30, 2007.
14. **Limitation, if any, on regional office approval of like requests:** These waivers are limited to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.
15. **Quality control procedures:** None.

- 16. Date of national office action:**
- 17. Date of State agency's request:** May 15, 2006.
- 18. Date of regional office transmittal of request:** May 17, 2006.
- 19. Date of regional office transmittal of response to State agency:**
- 20. Actual implementation date:**