



Department of
Job and Family Services

John R. Kasich, Governor
Cynthia C. Dungey, Director

Susan Holzer, SNAP Director
Midwest Regional Office
77 W Jackson Blvd, 20th Floor
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Dear Ms. Holzer:

Attached please find a request to waive the time limits for able bodied adults without dependents described in 7 CFR 273.24(b) for twenty-six Ohio counties. In accordance with 7 CFR 274.24(f)(2), our request includes the data and methodology we relied upon when determining which Ohio counties would be subject to this waiver request.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Benjamin Anderson at (614) 752-3531 or Benjamin.Anderson@jfs.ohio.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kara Wentz", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kara Wentz, Deputy Director
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Ohio Department of Job and Family Services

Attachment

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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 twenty-six Ohio counties 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 counties subject to the request are: Adams, Athens, Belmont, Columbiana, Coshocton, Gallia, Guernsey, Harrison, Highland, Huron, Jackson, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mahoning, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Ottawa, Perry, Pike, Scioto, Trumbull, Washington, and Carroll counties.
 9. **Justification for request:** In accordance with 7 CFR 273.24(f)(3)(iii), 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 average for any 24-month period. For federal fiscal year (FFY) 2018, Ohio used this methodology to establish that twenty-six counties qualified for a waiver. The counties are: Adams, Athens, Belmont, Columbiana, Coshocton, Gallia, Guernsey, Harrison, Highland, Huron, Jackson, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mahoning, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Ottawa, Perry, Pike, Scioto, Trumbull, Washington, and Carroll. The data utilized to make this determination was from the 24 month period between January 2015 and December 2016.
- Methodology**
- For FFY 2018, Ohio used the methodology prescribed by FNS in the "SNAP - Guide to Supporting Requests to Waive the Time Limit for ABAWDs" (pages 7-10).
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 May 2017, Ohio had 1,248,418 individuals receiving SNAP. In July 2017, the most recent month for which there is information available, there were 15,780 ABAWDs in the twenty-six counties identified above.

12. Anticipated implementation date and time period for which waiver is needed: October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018

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, Betsy Suver.

15. Signature and title of requesting official:



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16. Date of request: 08/15/2017

17. State agency staff contact (name/email/telephone): Betsy Suver,
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18. Regional office contact person: Bridget Kearney, Bridget.Kearney@fns.usda.gov,