

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 thirty-six 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, Ashtabula, Athens, Belmont, Brown, Carroll, Clinton, Columbiana, Coshocton, Crawford, Cuyahoga, Erie, Gallia, Guernsey, Harrison, Highland, Huron, Jackson, Jefferson, Lawrence, Lorain, Lucas, Mahoning, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Ottawa, Perry, Pike, Richland, Scioto, South Central Ohio (consisting of Hocking, Ross, and Vinton counties), Trumbull, and Washington.
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) 2019, Ohio used this methodology to establish that thirty-six county agencies qualified for a waiver. The county agencies are: Adams, Ashtabula, Athens, Belmont, Brown, Carroll, Clinton, Columbiana, Coshocton, Crawford, Cuyahoga, Erie, Gallia, Guernsey, Harrison, Highland, Huron, Jackson, Jefferson, Lawrence, Lorain, Lucas, Mahoning, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Ottawa, Perry, Pike, Richland, Scioto, South Central Ohio (Hocking, Ross, and Vinton), Trumbull, and Washington. The data utilized to make this determination was from the 24-month period between January 2016 and December 2017.

Methodology

For FFY 2019, 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 2018, Ohio had 1,410,702 individuals receiving SNAP. In June 2018, the most recent month for which there is information available, there were 37,475 ABAWDs in the thirty-six counties identified above.

12. Anticipated implementation date and time period for which waiver is needed: October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019

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, Ben Anderson.

15. Signature and title of requesting official:



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16. Date of request: 08/15/2018

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