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Melissa Cundari, Director
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Dear Ms. Cundari:

Enclosed for your review is a request to waive the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) ABAWD time limit and work requirement for eleven Ohio counties effective October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023 in accordance with 7 CFR 273.24(b). As described in 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.

This waiver request has the support of the Governor of Ohio, Mike DeWine.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (614) 425-5859 or Betsy.Suver.Suver@jfs.ohio.gov.

Sincerely,

Betsy Suver

Betsy Suver, Bureau Chief
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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 eleven Ohio county agencies that do not qualify for an exemption or an exception to the time limit and work requirements described in 7 CFR 273.24(b), Ohio proposes to waive the time limit. The county agencies subject to the request are: Belmont, Cuyahoga, Erie, Jefferson, Lorain, Lucas, Mahoning, Meigs, Monroe, Noble, and Trumbull.
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) 2023, Ohio used this methodology to establish that eleven county agencies qualified for a waiver. The county agencies are: Belmont, Cuyahoga, Erie, Jefferson, Lorain, Lucas, Mahoning, Meigs, Monroe, Noble, and Trumbull. The data utilized to make this determination was from the 24-month period between March 2020 and March 2022.

Methodology

For FFY 2023, 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 2022, Ohio had 1,515,605 individuals receiving SNAP. In May 2022, there were 15,302 ABAWDs in the eleven counties identified above.

12. Anticipated implementation date and time period for which waiver is needed: October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023

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: 08/01/2022

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