

**TITLE XX CHORE HOME BASED SERVICES PRIORITY STATEMENT
EFFECTIVE 07/01/2011-06/30/2012**

This is the priority statement and criteria established for eligibility into the Washington County Chore Program re-established Nov 1, 2009. All new applicant for services must meet the criteria and guidelines set forth here for eligibility into the Chore program. All ongoing recipients must continue to meet these eligibility criteria and guideline unless their eligibility was determined prior to 11/1/08. Continuing eligibility can then be based upon the guidelines and criteria in place at that time.

CRITERIA

1. Be eligible according to the Title XX rules.
2. Provide all requested verifications needed, in a timely manner, to complete the eligibility assessment
3. Only one person per household can be eligible for services.
4. Have a medical need for services, as verified by a licensed Physician and be supported by the assessment completed by a WCDJFS Social Services Worker.
5. Fit within the priority guidelines listed below and meet the eligibility requirements of being 63 yrs of age or older or eligible and receiving a monthly Ohio Medicaid health card.

PRIORITY GUIDELINES:

Only individuals who need services because of specific debilitating conditions as verified by a physician statement and the presence of at least five of the characteristics listed below as determine by an assessment completed by a WCDJFS Social Service Worker's will be eligible. Services must be needed to help maintain the individual and/or living space in a clean and safe manner. Transportation/errands can be a part of the services provided if the Chore provider is willing, but they are not required to do so. If transportation services are provided they have to be less than 20% of the total monthly services hours allocated.

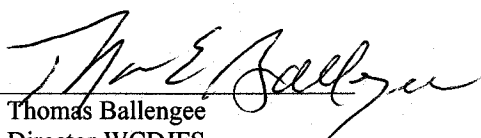
CHARACTERISTICS NEEDED TO QUALIFY:

1. Bedridden or wheelchair bound
2. Unable to ambulate without the assistance of a walker, cane or crutch both inside and outside of the individual's home.
3. Legally blind.
4. Lives alone, no one else present in the home.
5. Receives no home maker or nursing services in their home from a public or private source.
6. Unable to perform household chores on own and no able-bodied person present in the home.
7. Unable to drive themselves to medical appointments or grocery/clothing stores and no one is present in the home to do so.
8. Unable to safely cook or fix meals on their own and no one present in the home to do so.
9. Takes four or more prescription medications a day, does not include medication that can be purchased over the counter.

The Washington CDJFS will not make Title XX Vendor payment for services provided by a relative of the client. To defined a relative for the purposes of this program is as follows: Father, Mother Sister, Brother, Step-Sibling, Grandfather, Grandmother, Grandson, Granddaughter, Step-Mother, Step-Father, Father/Mother-in-law, Brother/Sister-in-law, Uncle/Aunt by blood or marriage, Cousin, Nephew, Niece, Son, Daughter, Step-children, Significant other or Spouse.

All new applicants will be notified within 30 days of the receipt of application the agency's decision on eligibility in accordance with the Ohio Administrative Code and ODJFS Regulations. All persons will have the right to request a county conference and/or State hearing on the Agency's action. All ongoing recipients will need to continue meet the eligibility requirements as listed in this statement failure to do so will result in termination of services.

Individual chore providers are not employees of the State of Ohio or the Washington County Job and Family Service agency. They are independent contracted vendors and as such the WCDJFS is not responsible or liable for any loss, damage or related expense incurred through the performance of these Chore services.


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Date