FAA2.P Welfare Reform (WERE/CODC/CODF): 11 12 Month State Benefit Limit (STBL) - Overview: D STBL Hardship Extension Eligibility: .03 STBL Hardship Extension Eligibility – Full Time Required Caretaker for their Disabled Child, Parent, Spouse or Domestic Partner.

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A budgetary unit may be eligible for an STBL hardship extension when the PI, spouse(g) of the PI or other adult in the home who is financially responsible for the dependent child is required to care for their disabled adult or minor child, parent, spouse or domestic partner(g). Eligibility criteria for a caretaker STBL hardship extension includes ALL of the following:

- The adult participant must be needed and designated by the treatment provider(g) as the full time caretaker.
- The budgetary unit cannot receive <u>respite care(g)</u> for more than 20 hours per week.
- No other person is available to provide care for the disabled person.
- The disabled person cannot attend school or vocational rehabilitation for more than 20 hours per week.

Verification must be provided that supports the caretaker determination. (See STBL Extension - Caretaker Verification)

WARNING

All potential STBL hardship extension DENIALS must be elevated to the Research and Analysis Unit (R&A) prior to taking action.

NOTE When the participant fails to provide verification of the claimed hardship, it is not required to elevate to R&A prior to taking the denial action.