

**.07 STBL Hardship Extension Eligibility – Inability to Find or Afford
Childcare**

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The PI, [spouse\(g\)](#) of the PI or other adult in the home who is financially responsible for the dependent child may be eligible for an STBL hardship extension when the participant cannot find or afford childcare, which prevents them from working or engaging in work activities.

A participant may establish the STBL hardship extension reason, based on unavailable childcare, by providing verification which includes, but is not limited to:

- The cost of available childcare
- Proof of the lack of childcare services in the area

All attempts to obtain childcare in the prior 30 days must be documented.

NOTE Verification must be provided that supports the childcare determination.

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.