

MSDGC Customer Assistance Program - Legal Authority or Legislative Pathway to Implementation

Proposed Customer Assistance Program	Statutory Authority Under Ohio Revised Code	Legislative Pathway
1. Discount rate program for low-income seniors	Express permission by ORC 6117.02 to enact a discount rate program for seniors 65 and older. ¹	N/A
2. Discount rate program for low-income disabled persons	Less than 65 years of age - prohibited as written under ORC 6117.02.	Need legislative action to amend ORC 6117.02 to grant authority to allow low-income disabled persons under 65 to participate in customer assistance program.
3. Discount rate program for low-income households	Prohibited as written under ORC 6117.02.	Need legislative action to amend ORC 6117.02 to grant authority to allow low-income participants under age 65.
4. Crisis assistance program offering a one-time credit funded by sewer revenues	Prohibited as written under ORC 6117.02.	Need legislative action to amend ORC 6117.02 to grant authority for expenditures on a temporary “crisis” assistance program.

¹ As long as the Board also establishes eligibility requirements that include at a minimum level qualification for the homestead exemption or as a “low- and moderate- income person.”