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SUBJECT: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - Able Bodied Adults
without Dependents Waivers for Fiscal Year 2015

TO: All Regional Directors
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

This memo provides a list States that are eligible for a Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 statewide waiver of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) participation time limits for able bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDs). Under SNAP regulations at 7 CFR 273.24(f)(2), a State can qualify for a 12-month statewide ABAWD waiver if the Department of Labor's Unemployment Insurance Service determines that it qualifies for extended unemployment benefits. The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) can approve a waiver if the State qualifies for extended benefits, regardless of whether the State has elected the option to offer the benefit itself. States that meet the extended benefit criteria can qualify for a 12-month statewide ABAWD waiver up to 12 months after the trigger date.

The Department of Labor's Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) Trigger Notice 2013-38, effective **October 6, 2013, indicates that the following 37 States and geographic areas met the emergency unemployment compensation criteria:** Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virgin Islands, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin.

Thus, the 37 qualifying States and geographic areas may suspend ABAWD participation time limits for FY 2015. In addition, State agencies that appear on a different DOL Trigger Notice beginning no earlier than October 1, 2013, also qualify for a fiscal year 2015 ABAWD waiver. Please note that the Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) program expired January 1, 2014. Congress has not passed any further extensions of the program. The last EUC trigger notice was issued on December 22, 2013.

States intending to adopt an FY 2015 ABAWD waiver based upon a qualifying Department of Labor extended unemployment benefits trigger notice must formally notify their FNS regional office of their plans to implement by September 1, 2014.

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