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Just to give you a little more lead time, here is Louisiana's request for an extension of their ABAWD waiver. The official request will follow. Thanks.



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November 29, 1999

Ms. Esther Phillips, Regional Director
Food Stamp Program
USDA, Food and Nutrition Service
1100 Commerce St., Room 5-C-30
Dallas, Texas 75242-1005

RE: FOOD STAMP PROGRAM - Extension of Waiver #970075
Waiver of Work Requirements-Section 824 of HR 3734 (P.L. 104-193)

Dear Ms. Phillips:

The Louisiana Department of Social Services requests an extension of Waiver #970075 regarding work requirements. Section 824 of HR 3734, (Public Law 104-193) which provides that no individual shall be eligible to participate in the Food Stamp Program as a member of any household if, during a 36-month period, the individual received food stamp benefits for not less than 3 months (consecutive or otherwise) and did not comply with work requirements. This waiver would allow an exemption from this requirement for groups of individuals who reside in areas designated as labor surplus areas by the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Employment and Training Administration. Louisiana has 47 areas designated as labor surplus areas for Federal Fiscal Year 2000.

Details are contained in the attached standard waiver request format along with the most current supporting documentation of Department of Labor statistics.

Extension of this waiver would continue to ease the burden of individuals to comply with work requirements which are unreasonable, given the local economic environment. This waiver also provides for more efficient operation of the State Agency by concentrating effort and resources in regard to work requirements on those households most likely to benefit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Vera W. Blakes".

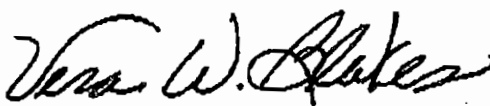
Vera W. Blakes
Assistant Secretary

Attachment

cc: J. Renea Austin-Duffin

WAIVER REQUEST

1. **Waiver serial number (if request is extension):** 970075
2. **Type of request:** Extension
3. **Primary regulation citation:** Section 824 of HR 3734 (P.L. 104-193)
4. **Secondary regulation citation, if any:**
5. **State:** Louisiana
6. **Region:** Southwest
7. **Regulatory Requirements:** Section 824 of HR 3734 (P.L. 104-193) provides that no individual shall be eligible to participate in the Food Stamp Program as a member of any household if, during a 36-month period, the individual received food stamp benefits for not less than 3 months (consecutive or otherwise), during which the individual did not work 20 hours or more per week, averaged monthly; did not participate in and comply with the requirements of a work program for 20 hours or more per week; did not participate in and comply with requirements of a program under Section 20 or a comparable program established by the state; or received benefits as they were exempt from these regulations.
8. **Proposed alternative procedures:** We propose to continue to exempt from this requirement, groups of individuals who reside in areas designated by the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Employment and Training Administration, as labor surplus areas. Louisiana has 47 areas designated as labor surplus areas according to Department of Labor statistics (See attachment). Approval of this waiver would exempt residents of the following parishes from the work requirement provisions of Section 824 of P.L. Law 104-193: Acadia, Allen, Avoyelles, Beauregard, Bienville, Bossier (except Bossier City), Caldwell, Catahoula, Claiborne, Concordia, DeSoto, East Carroll, East Feliciana, Franklin, Grant, Iberville, Jackson, Jefferson Davis, La Salle, Madison, Morehouse, Natchitoches, ^{NEW} Orleans, Pointe Coupee, Red River, Richland, Sabine, St. Helena, St. James, St. John, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, Tangipahoa, Tensas, Vermilion, Vernon, Washington, Webster, West Carroll, West Feliciana, Winn and the cities of Shreveport, Lake Charles, New Iberia, Monroe, and Alexandria. Each year, we propose to evaluate new statistical information and request exemption of labor surplus areas based on statistical information available from DOL. BAPTIST
9. **Justification for request:** This waiver is requested under the provisions of Section 824 (a) of P.L. Law 104-193 which gives the Secretary authority to grant a waiver of 7 U.S.C. 2015 (c)(4). It would allow individuals in areas designated by the Department of Labor as labor surplus areas the opportunity to participate in the Food Stamp Program without being required to meet unrealistic program work requirements.

10. **Anticipated impact on households and State agency operations:** The households which would be affected are those residing in project areas designated as labor surplus areas. Department of Labor statistics indicate that households in 47 areas in Louisiana would be exempt from these requirements under this waiver. This waiver would ease the burden of individuals to comply with work requirements which are unreasonable given the local economic environment. Implementation of this waiver would also provide for more efficient operation of the Food Stamp Program by allowing the State Agency to concentrate effort and resources in regard to work requirements on those households most likely to benefit.
11. **Caseload information and quality control error rate for affected households:** In October 1999, the latest month for which we have actual figures, 183,117 households received food stamps. There are no applicable quality control error rates to report for this waiver request.
12. **Anticipated implementation date and time period for which waiver is needed:** We are requesting the waiver be extended thru December 31, 2000. As proposed in number 8 above, a yearly evaluation will be conducted based on the most current annual statistics from the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration.
13. **Proposed quality control review procedures:** N/A
14. **Signature:**

Vera W. Blakes
Assistant Secretary
15. **Date:**

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Labor Surplus Area Classifications Under Executive Orders 12073
and 10582

Notice of the Annual List of Labor Surplus Areas

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

date: The annual list of labor surplus areas is effective October 1,
1999.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to announce the annual list of
labor surplus areas.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William J. McGarrity, Labor Economist,
USES, Employment and Training Administration, 200 Constitution Avenue,
N.W., Room N-4470, Attention: TEES, Washington, D.C. 20210. Telephone:
202-219-5185, ext. 129.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Labor regulations
implementing Executive Orders 12073 and 10582 are set forth at 20 CFR
Part 654, Subparts A and B. Subpart A requires the Assistant Secretary
of Labor to classify jurisdictions as labor surplus areas pursuant to
the criteria specified in the regulations and to publish annually a
list of labor surplus areas. Pursuant to those regulations the
Assistant Secretary of Labor is hereby publishing the annual list of
labor surplus areas.

Subpart B of Part 654 states that an area of substantial
unemployment for purposes of Executive Order 10582 is any area
classified as a labor surplus area under Subpart A. Thus, labor surplus
areas under Executive Order 12073 are also areas of substantial
unemployment under Executive Order 10582.

The areas listed below have been classified by the Assistant
Secretary as labor surplus areas pursuant to 20 CFR 654.5(b) (48 FR
15615 April 12, 1983) effective October 1, 1999.

Signed at Washington, DC on October 1, 1999.
Raymond J. Bramucci,
Assistant Secretary.

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Labor Surplus Areas
[October 1, 1999 Through September 30, 2000]

Eligible labor surplus areas

Civil jurisdiction

LESLIE COUNTY.....
 LETCHER COUNTY.....
 LEWIS COUNTY.....
 LIVINGSTON COUNTY.....
 LYON COUNTY.....
 MAGOFFIN COUNTY.....
 MARION COUNTY.....
 MARSHALL COUNTY.....
 MARTIN COUNTY.....
 MC CREARY COUNTY.....
 MC LEAN COUNTY.....

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 MUHLENBERG COUNTY.....
 OHIO COUNTY.....
 PERRY COUNTY.....
 PIKE COUNTY.....
 POWELL COUNTY.....
 RUSSELL COUNTY.....
 TAYLOR COUNTY.....
 UNION COUNTY.....
 BALANCE OF WARREN COUNTY.....
 WAYNE COUNTY.....
 WEBSTER COUNTY.....
 WHITLEY COUNTY.....
 WOLFE COUNTY.....

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 WEBSTER COUNTY.....
 WHITLEY COUNTY.....
 WOLFE COUNTY.....

LOUISIANA

ACADIA PARISH.....
 ALEXANDRIA CITY.....
 ALLEN PARISH.....
 AVOUELLES PARISH.....
 BEAUREGARD PARISH.....
 BIENVILLE PARISH.....
 BALANCE OF BOSSIER PARISH.....
 CALDWELL PARISH.....
 CATAHOULA PARISH.....
 CLAIBORNE PARISH.....
 CONCORDIA PARISH.....
 DE SOTO PARISH.....
 EAST CARROLL PARISH.....
 EAST FELICIANA PARISH.....
 FRANKLIN PARISH.....
 GRANT PARISH.....
 IBERVILLE PARISH.....
 JACKSON PARISH.....
 JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH.....
 LA SALLE PARISH.....
 LAKE CHARLES CITY.....
 MADISON PARISH.....
 MONROE CITY.....
 MOREHOUSE PARISH.....
 NATCHITOCHE PARISH.....
 NEW IBERIA CITY.....
 NEW ORLEANS CITY.....
 POINTE COUPEE PARISH.....
 RED RIVER PARISH.....
 RICHLAND PARISH.....
 SABINE PARISH.....
 SHREVEPORT CITY.....

ACADIA PARISH.....
 ALEXANDRIA CITY IN RAPIDES PARISH.....
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 RED RIVER PARISH.....
 RICHLAND PARISH.....
 SABINE PARISH.....
 SHREVEPORT CITY IN BOSSIER PARISH.....

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ST. JAMES PARISH.....	ST. JAMES PARISH.
ST. JOHN BAPTIST PARISH.....	ST. JOHN BAPTIST PARISH.
ST. LANDRY PARISH.....	ST. LANDRY PARISH.
ST. MARTIN PARISH.....	ST. MARTIN PARISH.
ST. MARY PARISH.....	ST. MARY PARISH.
TANGIPAHOA PARISH.....	TANGIPAHOA PARISH.
TENSAS PARISH.....	TENSAS PARISH.
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VERNON PARISH.....	VERNON PARISH.
WASHINGTON PARISH.....	WASHINGTON PARISH.
WEBSTER PARISH.....	WEBSTER PARISH.
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AROOSTOOK COUNTY.....	AROOSTOOK COUNTY.
FRANKLIN COUNTY.....	FRANKLIN COUNTY.
OXFORD COUNTY.....	OXFORD COUNTY.

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PISCATAQUIS COUNTY.....	PISCATAQUIS COUNTY.
SOMERSET COUNTY.....	SOMERSET COUNTY.
WASHINGTON COUNTY.....	WASHINGTON COUNTY.

MARYLAND

ALLEGANY COUNTY.....	ALLEGANY COUNTY.
ANNAPOLIS CITY.....	ANNAPOLIS CITY IN ANNE ARUNDEL COU
BALTIMORE CITY.....	BALTIMORE CITY.
CECIL COUNTY.....	CECIL COUNTY.
DORCHESTER COUNTY.....	DORCHESTER COUNTY.
GARRETT COUNTY.....	GARRETT COUNTY.
KENT COUNTY.....	KENT COUNTY.
SOMERSET COUNTY.....	SOMERSET COUNTY.
WORCESTER COUNTY.....	WORCESTER COUNTY.

MASSACHUSETTS

ADAMS TOWN.....	ADAMS TOWN IN BERKSHIRE COUNTY.
ATHOL TOWN.....	ATHOL TOWN IN WORCESTER COUNTY.
CHESTER TOWN.....	CHESTER TOWN IN HAMPDEN COUNTY.
FALL RIVER CITY.....	FALL RIVER CITY IN BRISTOL COUNTY.
FLORIDA TOWN.....	FLORIDA TOWN IN BERKSHIRE COUNTY.
GAY HEAD TOWN.....	GAY HEAD TOWN IN DUKES COUNTY.
HINSDALE TOWN.....	HINSDALE TOWN IN BERKSHIRE COUNTY.
LAWRENCE CITY.....	LAWRENCE CITY IN ESSEX COUNTY.
MASHPEE TOWN.....	MASHPEE TOWN IN BARNSTABLE COUNTY.
NEW BEDFORD CITY.....	NEW BEDFORD CITY IN BRISTOL COUNTY
PROVINCETOWN TOWN.....	PROVINCETOWN TOWN IN BARNSTABLE CO
SAVOY TOWN.....	SAVOY TOWN IN BERKSHIRE COUNTY.
SHELBURNE TOWN.....	SHELBURNE TOWN IN FRANKLIN COUNTY.
TRURO TOWN.....	TRURO TOWN IN BARNSTABLE COUNTY.
WELLFLEET TOWN.....	WELLFLEET TOWN IN BARNSTABLE COUNT

MICHIGAN

ALCONA COUNTY.....	ALCONA COUNTY.
ALGER COUNTY.....	ALGER COUNTY.
ALPENA COUNTY.....	ALPENA COUNTY.
ANTRIM COUNTY.....	ANTRIM COUNTY.