



**United States
Department of
Agriculture**

Food and Consumer
Service

Northeast Region

10 Causeway Street, Room 501
Boston, MA 02222



Date:

Reply to Attention of:

NEFS-100

Subject:

ABAWD Waiver Request, New York (NY)

To:

Art Foley, Director
Program Development Division

Attached is a January 24, 2000, waiver request from the NY Department of Labor to exempt individuals from Section 6(o) of the Food Stamp Act, as amended by the Section 824 of PRWORA, based on high unemployment rates and/or insufficient jobs.

New York requests an extension of its two current waivers #970143 and #970144, due to expire February 29, 2000, with the following modifications. The October 1999 list of Labor Surplus Areas (LSAs), prepared by the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, now includes Binghamton, Jamestown and Steuben County. In addition, the following areas are no longer LSAs: Green County and Syracuse.

We recommend approval of these waivers. If you have any questions, please call Kristen Dowling Hyatt on (617) 565-6401.

Mary A. Ferris, Chief
State Program Improvement Section
Food Stamp Program
Northeast Region

Attachment





STATE OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

GOVERNOR W. AVERELL HARRIMAN
STATE OFFICE BUILDING CAMPUS
ALBANY, NEW YORK 12240

January 24, 2000

Mr. Robert L. Canavan
Director
Food Stamp Program, Northeast Region
U.S. Department of Agriculture
10 Causeway Street, Room 501
Boston, Massachusetts 02222

Dear Mr. Canavan:

We hereby request a waiver of the applicability of paragraph (2) of Section 6 (o) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2015), as added by Section 824 of Title VIII of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, which relates to work requirements for able-bodied adults without dependents.

Such waiver would be in accordance with the provisions of subparagraph (A) of paragraph (4) of Section 6 (o) and would apply as indicated below.

Areas with Unemployment Rates Above 10 Percent:

Hamilton County had an unemployment rate that averaged above 10 percent for the period November 1998 – October 1999. Specifically, Hamilton County's unemployment rate averaged 10.8 percent. New York intends to self-certify Hamilton County as eligible for the waiver unless the chief elected official opts not to apply the waiver authority granted.

Labor Surplus Areas:

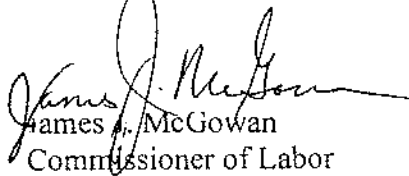
New York seeks waiver approval for the civil jurisdictions designated as labor surplus areas. The enclosed list of labor surplus areas for New York State appeared in the October 1999 issue of Area Trends in Unemployment prepared by the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration.

Upon USDA waiver approval of these jurisdictions, New York State will apply the waiver effective March 1, 2000, through February 28, 2001, where the chief elected

official does not opt out of such waiver. New York State will notify USDA of any jurisdictions that elect not to use the waiver and of the effective date of such elections.

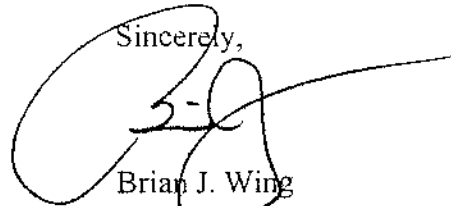
Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



James J. McGowan
Commissioner of Labor

Sincerely,



Brian J. Wing
Commissioner
Office of Temporary and
Disability Assistance

Enclosure

**ABAWD Waiver Issue
Labor Surplus Areas**

10/98-9/99

Eligible for waiver 3/1/99-2/29/00

--Allegany County

--Cattaraugus County
--Cayuga County (Auburn Only)

--Chemung County (Elmira Only)
+Chenango County
+Clinton County
--Cortland County
+Dutchess County (Poughkeepsie Only)
+Erie (Buffalo Only)
+Essex County
--Franklin County
--Fulton County
+Greene County
+Hamilton County
+Herkimer County
+Jefferson County
--Lewis County
+Monroe County (Rochester Only)
+Montgomery County
--Niagara Co. (Niag. Falls & Lockport)
--Oneida County (Utica Only)
--Onondaga County (Syracuse Only)
+Orange County (Newburgh Only)
--Oswego County
--Rensselaer County (Troy Only)
--St. Lawrence County
+Schenectady County (Schenectady Only)

+ Sullivan County
--Warren County (Except Queensbury)
+Wyoming County
--New York City

-- Declined Waiver
+ Accepted Waiver

10/99-9/00

Eligible for waiver 3/1/00-2/28/01

Allegany County
Broome County (Binghamton Only)
Cattaraugus County
Cayuga County (Auburn Only)
Chautauqua County (Jamestown Only)
Chemung County (Elmira Only)
Chenango County
Clinton County
Cortland County
Dutchess County (Poughkeepsie Only)
Erie County (Buffalo Only)
Essex County
Franklin County
Fulton County

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Herkimer County
Jefferson County
Lewis County
Monroe County (Rochester Only)
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Oneida County (Utica Only)

Orange County (Newburgh Only)
Oswego County
Rensselaer County (Troy Only)
St. Lawrence County
Schenectady Co. (Schenectady Only)
Steuben County
Sullivan County
Warren County (Except Queensbury)
Wyoming County
New York City

Deleted From Last Year:

- 1) Greene Co.
- 2) Onondaga Co. (Syracuse)

Added From Last Year:

- 1) Broome Co. (Binghamton)
- 2) Chautauqua Co. (Jamestown)
- 3) Steuben Co.