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Reply to
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Subject:

FS-10-6-ID/Waivers
#970161 and 970162

To:

FSP - Idaho ABAWD Waiver Extensions Request

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Art Foley, Director
Program Development Division

Enclosed please find Idaho's request to extend the above ABAWD waivers for Idaho's Tribal reservation areas exempted last year due to high unemployment (#970161) or as labor surplus areas (LSA) (#970162). The State has supplied current supporting documentation for their request.

We have reviewed the State's request and justification and recommend approving the waivers as requested for an additional one-year period through March 31, 2002.

If you have any questions please contact Judy Yudico at (415) 705-1320, ext. 322.

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Regional Director
Food Stamp Program
Western Region

Enclosure

cc: Seattle F/O
POS, FSP, WRO

STATE OF IDAHO
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE
FOOD STAMP PROGRAM WAIVER REQUEST
December 20, 2000

Waiver serial number: 970161

Type of request: Extension

Primary regulation citation: Section 6(o) of the Food Stamp Act, as amended by Section 824 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PWORA) of 1996, P.L.104-103.

Secondary regulation citation: N/A.

State: Idaho.

Region: Western Regional Office Food and Nutrition Service (FNS)

Regulatory Requirements:

Section 6(o) of the Food Stamp Act, as amended by Section 824 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PWORA), P. L. 104-193, provides that no able-bodied individual between the ages of 18 and 50, without dependent children shall be eligible to participate in the Food Stamp Program as a member of any household if, during the preceding 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 or more hours per week; or did not participate in and comply with requirements of a program under Section 20 or a comparable program established by the State.

Proposed Alternative Procedures:

The unemployment rate for residents of the Coeur d'Alene Reservation, (Benewah and Kootenai Counties) exceeds 10 percent. According to the Idaho Department of Labor statistics for the period, October 1999 to September 2000, the unemployment rate for this reservation was 15.2 percent. The unemployment rate for this Reservation has remained high for the past 2 years. This area qualifies for a waiver of the work requirement.

Justification for Request:

This is an Agency option per Section 6(o)(4) of the Food Stamp Act.

Anticipated Impact on Households and State Agency Operations:

This waiver would allow individuals residing on the Coeur d'Alene Reservation which has unemployment of more than 10 percent to be exempt from the work requirement and to continue receiving Food Stamps.

Caseload Information:

Idaho's Food Stamp caseload is approximately 23,596. This portion of the caseload that resides on the Coeur d'Alene reservation is estimated at .37 percent.

Anticipated Implementation Date and Period Waiver is Needed:

Implementation Date: March 1, 2001

Idaho requests that the waiver be granted for not less than one year.

PC by P. Campbell

Patti Campbell, Chief, Bureau of Benefit Program Operations
Department of Health and Welfare

12-29-00
Date

STATE OF IDAHO
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE
FOOD STAMP PROGRAM WAIVER REQUEST
December 20, 2000

Waiver serial number: 970162

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Secondary regulation citation: N/A.

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Proposed Alternative Procedures:

The unemployment rate for residents of the Nez Perce Reservation, (Idaho, Lewis, Nez Perce, and Clearwater Counties), the Fort Hall Reservation (Bannock, Bingham, Caribou, and Power Counties), and the Duck Valley Reservation (Owyhee County) areas, certified by the Idaho Department of Labor statistics for the period of October 1999 to September 2000, exceed more than 10 percent. These areas qualify for a waiver of the work requirement. (Please see attached information from the Idaho Department of Labor). The Kootenai Reservation (Boundary County) has been certified by the Department of Labor as a Labor Surplus Area. (Please see attached

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listing of Idaho LSAs).

Justification for Request:

This is an Agency option per Section 6(o)(4) of the Food Stamp Act.

Anticipated Impact on Households and State Agency Operations:

This waiver would allow individuals residing on the Nez Perce, Fort Hall, Kootenai and Duck Valley Reservations to be exempt from the work requirement and to continue receiving Food Stamps.

Caseload Information:

The Idaho Food Stamp caseload is approximately 23,596. The portion of the caseload that resides on the reservations is estimated at 2.793 percent.

Anticipated Implementation Date and Period Waiver is Needed:

Implementation Date: March 1, 2001

Idaho requests that the waiver be granted for not less than one year.

PC by PCH
Patti Campbell, Chief, Bureau of Benefit Program Operations
Department of Health and Welfare

12-29-00
Date