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We are forwarding the South Carolina request to waive 19 counties from the requirements of Section 273.24. This is the entire list of Labor Surplus Area counties according to the USDOL listing. Some of these counties also have unemployment rates over 10 percent.

We recommend the approval be only through February 28, 2003. This would correspond with the expected data for next year. We should not anticipate a delay in data next year that would require the expiration date be so late in the year 2003 as requested by the State.

Call Robert Caskey or John Wiggins if we can help in any way. This is the last ABAWD waiver from SERO, although Florida is talking about an interim request to add more counties.

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Mr. Gilbert Camacho, Regional Director
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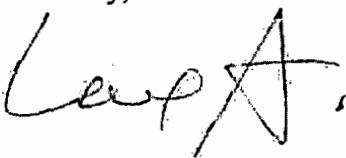
Re: Waiver Numbers 970044 and 970112

Dear Mr. Camacho:

Please find enclosed South Carolina's request for an extension of our waivers of 7 CFR 273.24 (b) and Section 6(o) of the Food Stamp Act, as amended by Section 824 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) of 1996, P.L. 104-193. The period for which we seek approval is June 1, 2002-May 30, 2003.

Your consideration for granting this extension will be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Sandy Allen of my staff at (803) 737-9238.

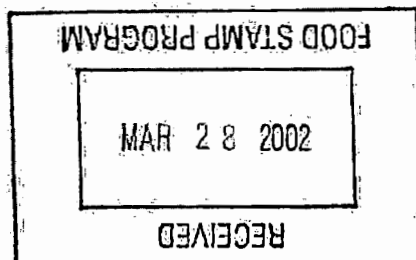
Sincerely,



Laurel R. Addy, Director
Family Nutrition Programs
Division of Family Independence

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Enclosure



WAIVER REQUEST

- 1. Waiver serial numbers:** 970044 and 970112
- 2. Type of Request:** Extension
- 3. Primary regulation citation:** 7 CFR 273.24(b)
- 4. Secondary regulation citation:** Section 6(o) of the Food Stamp Act, as amended by Section 824 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) of 1996, P.L. 104-193.
- 5. State:** South Carolina
- 6. Region:** Southeast Region
- 7. Regulatory requirements:** Regulations at 7 CFR 273.24 (b) state that able-bodied adults are not eligible to participate in the Food Stamp (FS) Program as a member of any household if the individual received food stamps for more than three countable months during any three-year period, except that individual may be eligible for up to three additional countable months in accordance with paragraph (e) of this section.

Section 6(o) of the Food Stamp Act, as amended by Section 824 of PRWORA, P.L. 104-193 provides that no individual shall be eligible to participate in the FS Program as a member of any household if, during the preceding 36 month period, the individual received FS benefits for not less than three months during which the individual did not:

- a. Work 20 hours or more per week, averaged monthly;
- b. Participate in and comply with the requirements of a work program for 20 hours or more per week; or
- c. Participate in and comply with requirements of a program under Section 20 or a comparable program established by the State.

Section 6(o) of the Food Stamp Act, as amended by Section 824 of the PRWORA, also provides that, upon the request of a State agency, the Secretary may waive the applicability of the above provision for any group of individuals in the State if the Secretary makes a determination that the areas in which the individuals reside has an unemployment rate of over 10%, or does not have a sufficient number of jobs to provide employment for the individuals.

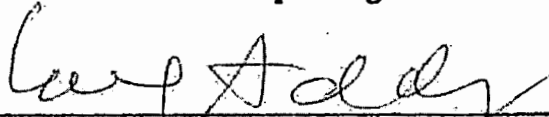
- 8. Proposed alternative procedures:** South Carolina is requesting a waiver to exempt individuals who reside in five counties from the work requirement provision of Section 6(o) of the Food Stamp Act, as amended by Section 824 of the PRWORA. These counties had an annual average unemployment rate over 10% for the period of October 2000-September 2001. South Carolina is also requesting in this waiver to exempt individuals who live in 14 additional counties from the work requirement provision of Section 6(o) of the Food Stamp Act, as amended by Section 824 of the PRWORA as these areas have been identified as Labor Surplus Areas (LSA) by the Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (ETA). This brings our total exempted population to 19 counties.

9. **Justification for request:** Statistics secured from the Employment Security Commission, a cooperating agency with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, show the following areas with average unemployment rate of 10% or more for Fiscal Year 2001:

<u>County</u>	<u>Average Unemployment Rate for FY 01</u>
Dillon	10.4 %
Fairfield	10.3 %
Marion	15.1 %
Marlboro	11.0 %
Williamsburg	12.3 %

Statistics from the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration show the following counties as labor surplus areas: Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun, Chester, Chesterfield, Clarendon, Darlington, Georgetown, Greenwood, Lee, McCormick, Orangeburg, and Union. (Please note that the counties listed above with unemployment rates that averaged 10% or more also appear in the Department of Labor's list of labor surplus areas.)

10. **Anticipated impact on households and State agency operations:** The extension of this waiver will allow individuals who reside in areas with unemployment rates of 10% or more the opportunity to participate in the FS Program without being required to meet unrealistic work requirements. In addition, South Carolina will be able to exempt areas in which there are not enough jobs for groups of individuals who may be affected by the new time limits in the FS Program.
11. **Caseload information, including percent, characteristics, and quality control error rate for affected portion:** An estimated number of 1,750 individuals will be exempted due to unemployment rates of 10% or more or residence in labor surplus areas.
12. **Anticipated implementation date and time period for which waiver is needed:** These waivers are requested for a one-year time period to begin June 1, 2002-May 30, 2003.
13. **Proposed quality control review procedures:** There are no special quality control procedures needed in conjunction with this waiver.
14. **Signature and title of requesting official:**



Laurel R. Addy, Director, Family Nutrition Programs

15. **Date of request:**

3-26-02

**South Carolina Department of Social Services
FFY 2001 10% Unemployment Statistics**

County	10/00	11/00	12/00	01/01	02/01	03/01	04/01	05/01	06/01	07/01	08/01	09/01	Annual Average
Abbeville	2.6	2.8	3.7	4.9	6.1	7.5	5.7	6.5	7.2	7.1	6.5	6.2	5.6
Aiken	2.9	2.4	3.2	3.6	2.9	3.2	3.3	3.6	4.5	8.4	5.1	5.3	4.0
Allendale	3.0	2.8	3.3	4.6	3.6	3.2	3.1	3.6	3.8	4.0	4.3	5.2	3.7
Anderson	2.1	1.8	2.2	3.0	5.5	3.5	3.5	5.3	4.7	4.7	5.2	5.5	3.9
Bamberg	2.7	2.5	3.2	4.5	4.1	4.2	4.0	4.9	6.5	6.2	6.8	6.2	4.7
Barnwell	4.3	4.2	5.0	6.0	6.1	5.8	6.1	6.3	6.3	6.9	7.3	7.7	6.0
Beaufort	1.4	1.4	1.8	2.4	2.1	1.8	2.0	1.9	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.0
Berkeley	2.0	2.0	2.5	3.2	2.9	2.7	2.5	3.1	3.6	3.5	3.9	3.6	3.0
Calhoun	3.6	3.4	4.5	3.5	3.2	2.9	3.9	5.3	7.1	8.2	9.4	9.1	5.3
Charleston	2.0	1.8	2.2	2.8	2.6	2.4	2.6	2.7	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.3	2.7
Cherokee	4.1	3.6	4.6	6.2	5.2	5.1	5.0	5.2	5.2	6.3	8.3	7.9	5.6
Chester	5.2	5.0	6.3	8.5	8.9	7.9	7.9	9.4	9.5	8.7	10.4	9.9	8.1
Chesterfield	4.2	3.6	4.3	5.7	5.2	5.1	5.5	7.8	7.7	8.3	9.7	10.1	6.4
Clarendon	5.6	5.5	6.8	7.4	7.5	6.7	6.4	7.2	8.6	8.2	8.0	8.1	7.2
Colleton	2.8	2.6	3.4	3.8	4.0	3.8	3.6	4.0	4.7	4.9	5.5	5.0	4.0
Darlington	4.7	4.3	5.0	6.2	6.1	5.6	4.8	6.0	7.3	7.2	7.1	7.2	6.0
Dillon	9.5	7.7	8.9	10.4	9.3	10.6	9.7	10.8	11.5	11.5	13.0	11.8	10.4
Dorchester	2.1	2.0	2.4	2.8	2.8	2.6	2.9	3.3	4.1	3.9	4.1	4.0	3.1
Edgefield	1.9	1.6	2.8	3.0	2.5	2.9	2.6	3.1	3.5	8.1	3.9	3.6	3.3
Fairfield	6.1	6.4	8.2	10.1	10.3	9.4	9.9	12.9	12.3	12.5	12.7	12.2	10.3
Florence	3.4	3.5	4.4	5.2	4.7	4.3	5.0	5.8	5.4	5.1	5.4	5.5	4.8
Georgetown	5.8	6.9	8.6	10.1	8.9	8.0	7.5	8.4	7.6	7.2	8.4	8.5	8.0
Greenville	1.3	1.2	1.5	1.8	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.8	2.8	2.7	3.4	3.5	2.3
Greenwood	3.4	3.5	4.5	4.8	4.9	4.7	4.8	6.0	7.1	7.5	9.2	8.9	5.8
Hampton	3.9	3.7	4.5	5.4	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.5	5.9	5.6	6.1	5.6	5.2
Horry	2.5	2.9	4.2	6.0	4.6	3.8	3.3	3.7	3.3	3.1	3.7	3.6	3.7
Jasper	2.5	2.7	3.5	3.6	3.3	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.4	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.1
Kershaw	3.7	3.8	4.4	4.9	5.0	4.6	4.6	5.5	5.4	5.7	6.5	6.6	5.1
Lancaster	3.1	3.0	4.1	4.6	5.5	4.5	4.4	5.5	5.3	5.4	6.4	6.3	4.8
Laurens	3.2	2.4	2.8	3.8	5.5	4.5	4.9	6.4	8.1	9.3	10.9	11.3	6.1
Lee	6.0	6.9	7.8	8.0	7.2	6.3	6.0	7.0	7.5	7.5	7.7	7.6	7.1
Lexington	1.7	1.3	1.7	2.2	2.0	1.9	1.9	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.7	2.7	2.1
McCormick	4.5	4.5	6.2	9.5	8.0	8.4	6.2	6.6	8.1	9.2	9.7	10.3	7.6
Marion	15.5	11.7	14.0	16.3	15.6	14.3	14.4	14.9	15.0	17.7	16.2	15.8	15.1
Marlboro	8.5	6.7	8.0	10.9	10.0	10.3	11.1	11.2	11.5	13.8	15.1	14.4	11.0
Newberry	3.3	2.9	3.5	4.3	4.6	4.5	4.3	5.8	6.6	7.7	7.2	7.0	5.1
Oconee	4.2	2.3	2.7	3.1	4.0	4.0	4.8	5.8	5.8	8.0	6.9	5.7	4.8
Orangeburg	5.7	5.0	6.6	6.8	6.6	6.2	6.2	6.9	10.9	11.7	12.5	12.4	8.1
Pickens	1.5	1.5	2.5	2.8	4.2	3.3	2.8	3.8	3.6	3.5	7.8	5.1	3.5
Richland	2.0	1.8	2.2	2.9	2.5	2.5	2.3	2.8	3.0	3.1	3.4	3.4	2.7
Saluda	3.3	2.7	4.1	3.8	3.9	3.7	3.7	3.8	4.2	6.5	4.8	5.0	4.1
Spartanburg	2.6	2.4	2.9	3.5	3.7	3.2	3.5	4.2	4.8	4.8	5.1	5.6	3.9
Sumter	3.6	3.9	4.6	5.2	5.1	4.8	4.7	5.9	7.2	6.7	7.6	7.3	5.6
Union	4.3	4.2	4.9	6.6	8.7	8.7	7.8	10.1	9.5	8.9	12.1	11.4	8.1
Williamsburg	9.4	11.4	12.7	15.3	14.7	11.9	10.8	11.9	11.9	11.9	13.0	12.6	12.3
York	2.9	2.3	2.7	3.8	3.1	3.0	3.4	4.2	4.4	4.2	5.0	5.1	3.7