

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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Dennis Stewart, Director
Western Regional Office
Food and Nutrition Service
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Dear Mr. Stewart:

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is submitting the attached request for a one-year waiver of the Able-Bodied Adult Without Dependents (ABAWD) work requirement for a total of 52 counties within California. We have also attached the unemployment data that was used to support the State's waiver request. A map showing those counties that are eligible for a renewal of their previous waiver and those that are newly eligible has also been included.

To ensure that the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has sufficient time for review we are submitting our waiver request simultaneous with our notification to the 52 counties of their probable eligibility for an ABAWD waiver. As you are aware, under California's Welfare and Institutions Code, section 18926, CDSS is required to annually seek a federal waiver of the ABAWD work requirement for all eligible counties unless a county declines to participate in the waiver request. We will notify FNS if any of the 52 identified waiver counties elects not to exercise its ABAWD waiver.

If you have any questions concerning this letter or our waiver request, please contact Randy Shiroy, Employment Unit Manager, at (916) 654-1435.

Sincerely,

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