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April 16, 2010

Mr. Dennis Stewart, Regional Director
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
U.S. Department of Agriculture, FNS
Western Region
90 Seventh St., Suite 10-100
San Francisco, California 94013

Dear Mr. Stewart:

Hawaii Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) qualifies for a 12-month statewide ABAWD waiver as a result of meeting the criteria for extended benefits (EB). The DOL Trigger Notice, 2010-2 effective January 24, 2010, indicates that Hawaii met the EB criteria. We understand that states that qualify for an ABAWD waiver do not have to request an FNS approved waiver in advance.

We are providing notice that Hawaii will be adopting this waiver and will be extending the current suspension end date for ABAWD work requirements from September 30, 2010 to September 30, 2011. The revised statewide ABAWD suspension period as a result of ARRA and the DOL Trigger Notice began April 1, 2009 and will end on September 30, 2011.

If you have any questions, please contact Pamela Higa at (808) 586-5728.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pankaj Bhanot".

Pankaj Bhanot
Division Administrator