



Minnesota Department of **Human Services**

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Patricia Solis, Regional Director
Food and Nutrition Service – U.S. Department of Agriculture
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Dear Ms. Solis:

This letter seeks approval for Minnesota of the exemption of individuals living on certain Indian reservations from the work requirements at 7 CFR 273.24.

Minnesota has participated in the statewide Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWDs) waiver since 2009. Due to the expiration of this federal waiver on September 30, 2013 ABAWDs will be subject to the work requirements outlined in 7 CFR 273.24.

7 CFR 273.24(f) provides that upon request of a State Agency, FNS may waive the time limit for a group of individuals in the State if the area in which the individuals lives has an unemployment rate of over 10 percent. If the area does not have a sufficient number of jobs to provide employment for the individuals, FNS may waive the time limit. Minnesota is requesting a new waiver for one year exempting individuals from the work requirements of 7 CFR 273.24 who live on nine Minnesota reservations. Attached is the supporting documentation of this request for nine reservations to be exempt from the ABAWD provisions for one year from October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014.

Questions about this waiver should be sent to Karen Nelsen-Huss, SNAP Program Consultant- DHS 651-431-4027 or Steve Erbes, SNAP E&T Program Coordinator – DEED 651-259-7539.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Commissioner
Children and Family Services Administration

Attachment: FY 2014 Reservation Waiver Request