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August 10, 2016

Peggy Fouts
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Southeast Regional Office
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Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Ms. Fouts:

Enclosed for your review is the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) time limit wavier extension request. Kentucky is requesting to exempt ABAWDs from the SNAP time limits at 7 CFR 273 .24 from January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017.

If the document meets with your approval, please sign and return to the Department for Community Based Services for the required submission. Please be advised that we will maintain a scanned copy with all signatures in our files.

If you have any questions regarding these matters, please contact Joey Holt at (502) 564-3440. Your assistance is appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Adria Johnson", followed by a long horizontal line.

Adria Johnson
Commissioner

Enclosure

STATE WAIVER REQUEST

1. Waiver Serial Number (if applicable):

2150037

2. Type of request:

Extension and modification

3. Statutory citation:

Section 6(o) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, as amended

4. Regulatory citation:

7 CFR 273.24

5. State:

Kentucky

6. Region:

SERO

7. Regulatory requirements:

Under 7 CFR 273.24(b), individuals are not eligible to participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) as a member of any household if the individual received program benefits for more than three months during any three-year period in which the individual was subject to, but did not comply with, the SNAP work requirements. Regulations at 273.24(a) provide that fulfilling the work requirement means: working 20 hours or more per week, averaged monthly; participating in and complying with the requirements of a work program or a workfare program for at least 20 hours per week; or any combination of working and participating in a work program for a total of 20 hours per week.

Under 7 CFR 273.24(f), upon the request of a State agency, the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) may waive the applicability of the time limit described above for any group of individuals in the State if FNS makes a determination that the area in which the individuals reside does not have a sufficient number of jobs to provide employment for the individuals.

8. Description of alternative procedures:

The State of Kentucky is requesting to exempt able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDs) in 100 counties from SNAP time limits at 7 CFR 273.24.

9. Justification for request:

Under SNAP regulations at 7 CFR 273.24(f)(2), areas may qualify for an ABAWD time limit waiver if they have insufficient jobs. To support this claim, States may submit evidence that an area has an average unemployment rate for a 24-month time

period that is at least 20% above the national average for the same 24-month period. 7 CFR 273.24(f)(6) provides that States may define areas to be waived.

Kentucky seeks a waiver for a region of contiguous counties based on its average unemployment rate that is 20% above the national average for the 24-month period of May 2014 through April 2016. The national average unemployment rate for this 24-month period 5.5%; 20% above this was 6.5%. The unemployment rate for the region was 6.5% for the same time period.

May 2014 through April 2016		
County	Total Unemployed	Total Labor Force
Adair County, KY	12,887	168,015
Allen County, KY	10,570	205,516
Ballard County, KY	6,619	86,169
Barren County, KY	24,133	436,942
Bath County, KY	9,013	112,657
Bell County, KY	19,152	216,648
Boone County, KY	67,372	1,536,245
Bourbon County, KY	11,517	231,421
Boyd County, KY	32,198	443,469
Boyle County, KY	16,945	287,167
Bracken County, KY	5,950	89,200
Breathitt County, KY	9,629	96,004
Breckinridge County, KY	12,085	189,943
Butler County, KY	7,658	121,799
Caldwell County, KY	7,473	128,144
Carlisle County, KY	3,392	55,974
Carroll County, KY	6,985	116,254
Carter County, KY	25,004	245,105
Casey County, KY	9,206	158,189
Christian County, KY	39,991	603,009
Clark County, KY	21,692	402,661
Clay County, KY	13,135	130,228
Clinton County, KY	7,722	93,034
Crittenden County, KY	5,162	90,641
Cumberland County, KY	4,407	69,545
Edmonson County, KY	8,141	112,375
Elliott County, KY	5,268	50,915
Estill County, KY	8,081	126,292
Fleming County, KY	9,768	149,888
Floyd County, KY	28,225	286,661
Fulton County, KY	3,885	50,675
Gallatin County, KY	5,126	90,682
Garrard County, KY	9,773	180,375
Grant County, KY	14,854	263,663
Graves County, KY	24,335	367,721
Grayson County, KY	18,186	254,421
Green County, KY	6,624	119,646
Greenup County, KY	26,777	331,898
Hancock County, KY	5,064	93,846
Harlan County, KY	22,954	187,786
Harrison County, KY	9,941	199,549

Hart County, KY	10,037	185,234
Hickman County, KY	2,940	50,500
Hopkins County, KY	27,861	472,810
Jackson County, KY	9,609	105,804
Johnson County, KY	16,031	184,541
Kenton County, KY	92,716	1,956,477
Knott County, KY	12,137	118,765
Knox County, KY	20,329	235,392
Larue County, KY	7,555	136,952
Laurel County, KY	37,456	563,299
Lawrence County, KY	11,766	124,118
Lee County, KY	4,755	53,326
Leslie County, KY	8,275	72,909
Letcher County, KY	19,078	167,675
Lewis County, KY	10,820	121,631
Lincoln County, KY	15,857	216,903
Livingston County, KY	6,608	87,626
Lyon County, KY	4,242	69,673
Madison County, KY	49,517	1,070,367
Magoffin County, KY	13,061	87,674
Marion County, KY	11,440	218,382
Marshall County, KY	21,122	352,838
Martin County, KY	7,567	80,185
Mason County, KY	11,736	179,973
McCracken County, KY	42,784	685,590
McCreary County, KY	10,207	116,643
McLean County, KY	5,390	101,700
Meade County, KY	16,894	287,776
Menifee County, KY	4,984	56,046
Mercer County, KY	12,355	233,671
Metcalfe County, KY	5,289	97,029
Monroe County, KY	5,152	109,626
Montgomery County, KY	18,963	280,227
Morgan County, KY	9,291	111,728
Muhlenberg County, KY	20,490	286,739
Nelson County, KY	26,376	501,900
Nicholas County, KY	5,188	80,356
Ohio County, KY	15,106	223,707
Owsley County, KY	2,835	27,586
Pendleton County, KY	8,971	158,910
Perry County, KY	20,595	220,128
Pike County, KY	50,092	506,238
Powell County, KY	8,746	116,810
Pulaski County, KY	38,195	614,404
Robertson County, KY	1,293	19,187
Rockcastle County, KY	10,967	162,666
Rowan County, KY	15,240	248,554
Russell County, KY	16,273	148,802
Scott County, KY	26,560	628,973
Taylor County, KY	17,549	267,424
Todd County, KY	6,308	129,488
Trigg County, KY	8,264	135,987
Trimble County, KY	5,633	91,875
Union County, KY	10,247	152,572
Washington County, KY	6,742	145,169

Wayne County, KY	14,366	172,977
Webster County, KY	7,784	147,374
Whitley County, KY	23,062	311,677
Wolfe County, KY	4,889	46,866
Total Region	1,532,494	23,719,831
Combined Region Unemployment Rate	6.5%	
20% Above National Average Threshold	6.5%	

10. Anticipated impact on households and State agency operations:

This waiver will provide consistency for households and State agency operations in areas where unemployment remains higher than the national average.

11. Caseload information, including percent, characteristics, and quality control error rate for affection portion (if applicable):

The caseload for these areas, as of **August 5th**, represents **73%** of the caseload for the State. There are no quality control procedures involved.

12. Anticipated implementation date and time period for which waiver is needed:

The State is requesting a one-year waiver, from January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017.

13. Proposed quality control review procedures:

There are no special quality control procedures needed in conjunction with this waiver.

14. State agency submitting waiver request and State contact person:

**KY Cabinet for Health and Family Services
Department for Community Based Services
275 East Main St
Frankfort, KY 40621**

**Joey Holt
Internal Policy Analyst III**

15. Signature and title of requesting official:



Title: **Commissioner**

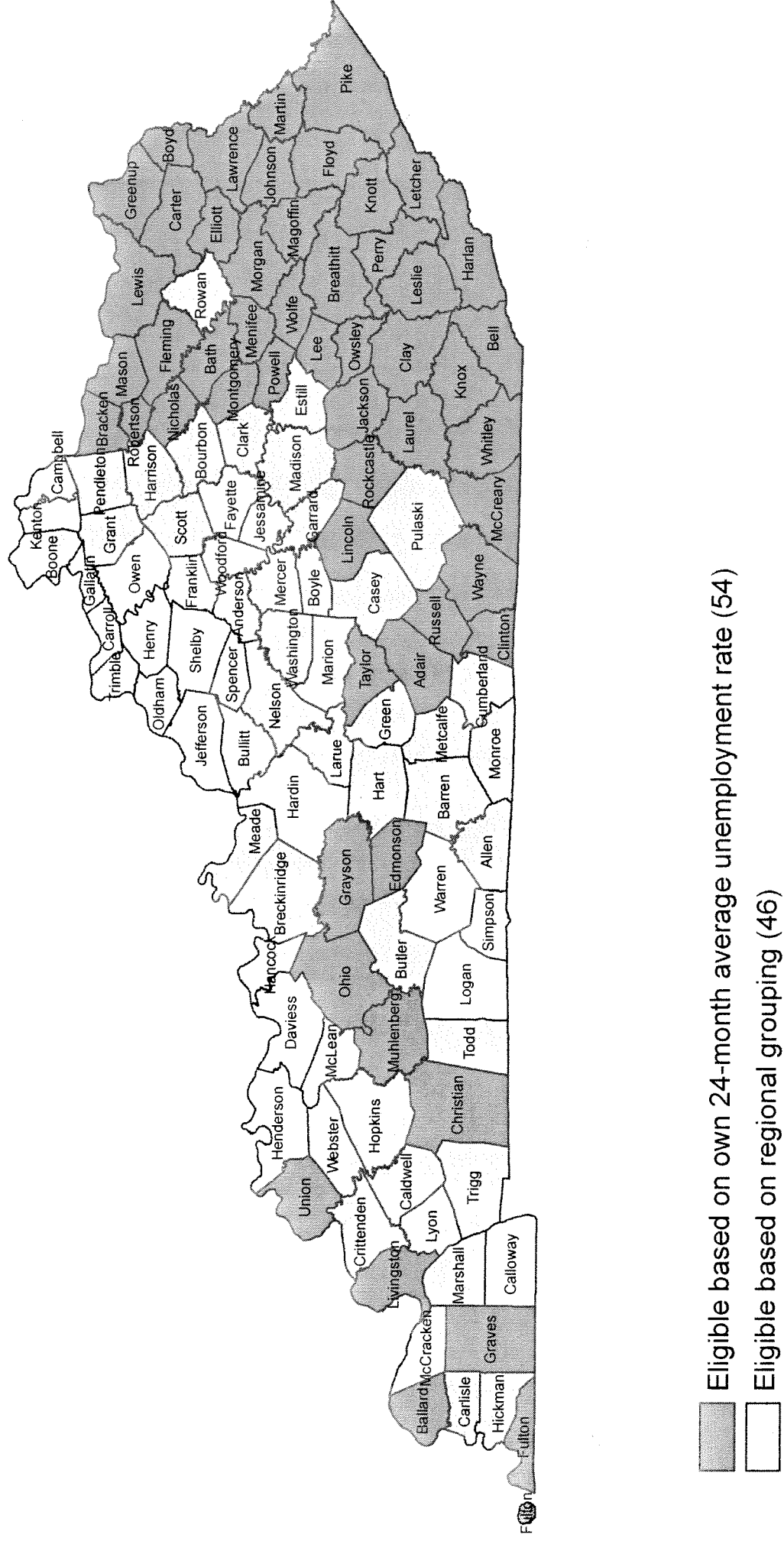
Email for transmission of response: Adria.Johnson@ky.gov

16. Date of request: 8/5/15

**17. State agency staff contact (name/email/telephone): Joey Holt/
josephs.holt@ky.gov/ (502) 564-3440 ext. 3706**

18. Regional office contact person (to be completed by FNS regional office):

100 Counties in Kentucky are Eligible for Waivers in 2017



**AREAS IN KENTUCKY THAT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR WAIVERS ON THE BASIS OF
MAY 2014 - APR 2016
UNEMPLOYMENT RATES**

Step 1	Please see worksheet entitled "Step 1" for
Step 2	Please see worksheet entitled "Step 2" for
Step 3	Please see worksheet entitled "Step 3" for
Step 4	Please see worksheet entitled "Step 4" for

from Step 2	from Step 1
MAY 2014 - APR 2016	MAY 2014 -

	Total labor force	Total number of unemployed
Regional Grouping of Counties		
Adair County, KY	168,015	12,887
Allen County, KY	205,516	10,570
Ballard County, KY	86,169	6,619
Barren County, KY	436,942	24,133
Bath County, KY	112,657	9,013
Bell County, KY	216,648	19,152
Boone County, KY	1,536,245	67,372
Bourbon County, KY	231,421	11,517
Boyd County, KY	443,469	32,198
Boyle County, KY	287,167	16,945
Bracken County, KY	89,200	5,950
Breathitt County, KY	96,004	9,629
Breckinridge County, KY	189,943	12,085
Butler County, KY	121,799	7,658
Caldwell County, KY	128,144	7,473
Carlisle County, KY	55,974	3,392
Carroll County, KY	116,254	6,985
Carter County, KY	245,105	25,004
Casey County, KY	158,189	9,206
Christian County, KY	603,009	39,991
Clark County, KY	402,661	21,692
Clay County, KY	130,228	13,135
Clinton County, KY	93,034	7,722
Crittenden County, KY	90,641	5,162
Cumberland County, KY	69,545	4,407
Edmonson County, KY	112,375	8,141
Elliott County, KY	50,915	5,268
Estill County, KY	126,292	8,081
Fleming County, KY	149,888	9,768
Floyd County, KY	286,661	28,225
Fulton County, KY	50,675	3,885
Gallatin County, KY	90,682	5,126
Garrard County, KY	180,375	9,773
Grant County, KY	263,663	14,854
Graves County, KY	367,721	24,335
Grayson County, KY	254,421	18,186
Green County, KY	119,646	6,624

Trigg County, KY	135,987	8,264
Trimble County, KY	91,875	5,633
Union County, KY	152,572	10,247
Washington County, KY	145,169	6,742
Wayne County, KY	172,977	14,366
Webster County, KY	147,374	7,784
Whitley County, KY	311,677	23,062
Wolfe County, KY	46,866	4,889
Total for Region	23,719,831	1,532,494
 National Unemployment	 3,769,709	 205,646
Threshold - 20% Above the National Average		

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Dept. of Labor
Underlying data are available at www.bls.gov/lau/, and are attached.

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0.05396	0.0539	5.39	5.4
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0.05419	0.0541	5.41	5.4
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0.05255	0.0525	5.25	5.3
0.06456	0.0645	6.45	6.5
0.06753	0.0675	6.75	6.8
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0.05645	0.0564	5.64	5.6
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0.09895	0.0989	9.89	9.9
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