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Dwight Crudup
Regional Director
Southwest Region USDA/FNS
110 Commerce Street, Room 5-C-30
Dallas, Texas 75242

Subject: Waiver # 2160027 Request for Extension of
ABAWD Time Limit - Statewide

Dear Mr. Crudup:

New Mexico Human Services Department - Income Support Division (ISD) is submitting the attached Request for Extension of Waiver # 2160027, waiving regulation 7 CFR 273.12(b) requiring state agencies to implement the ABAWD three month time limit.

The 24-Month Average Unemployment Rate for New Mexico, from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017, was 6.6 percent and the National Average Unemployment Rate for the same time period was 4.8 per cent. Based upon these criteria, New Mexico is requesting a state-wide extension of the current ABAWD three month time limit.

If additional information is needed, members of your staff may contact Vida Tapia-Sanchez, Deputy Director at 505-827-1300 or via e-mail at vida.tapia-sanchez@state.nm.us.

Thank you for your assistance in processing this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary Brogdon", is written over the typed name and title.

Mary Brogdon
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New Mexico Human Services Department
Income Support Division