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March 18, 2020

Charles Tobin
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Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
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Dear Mr. Tobin:

The State of Alaska is submitting the enclosed request for modification of waiver 2150041 concerning the ABAWD time limit.

Under SNAP regulations at 7 CFR 273.24, areas may qualify for an ABAWD time limit waiver if they do not have a sufficient number of jobs to provide employment for the individuals. The State of Alaska is requesting to modify our existing waiver effective April 1, 2020 due to unexpected unemployment statewide due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

If you have any questions, please contact Matthew Stangley at (907)465-5835 or via email at Matthew.Stangley@alaska.gov, or Reuben Lumbab at (907)465-3201 or via email at Reuben.Lumbab@alaska.gov.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Stangley", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Matthew Stangley
Chief of Policy and Program Development
Division of Public Assistance

STATE WAIVER REQUEST

1. **Waiver Serial Number (if applicable):** 2150041
2. **Type of request:** 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:** Alaska
6. **Region:** WRO
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, during the preceding 36-month period, the individual received SNAP benefits for not less than 3 months (consecutive or otherwise), during which the individual did not work 20 hours or more per week, averaged monthly; participate in and comply with the requirements of work program for 20 hours or more per week; or participate in and comply with requirements of program under Section 20 or a comparable program established by the State.

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 above provision for any group of individuals in the State if the FNS makes a determination that the area in which the individuals reside has an unemployment rate of over 10 percent, or does not have a sufficient number of jobs to provide employment for the individuals.
8. **Description of alternative procedures:** The State of Alaska is requesting to modify our existing waiver from SNAP time limits at 7 CFR 273.24 effective April 1, 2020 to exempt all borough and census areas Statewide.
9. **Justification for request:** The State of Alaska is requesting to waive the time limit in 7 CFR 273.24 for all borough and census areas due to unexpected unemployment due to the COVID-19 outbreak.
10. **Anticipated impact on households and State agency operations:** The waiver will ease the hardship for low-income Alaskans caused by limiting food assistance when there are not enough jobs available in their area for everyone searching for work.
11. **Caseload information, including percent, characteristics, and quality control error rate for affection portion (if applicable):** This waiver affects the entire state.

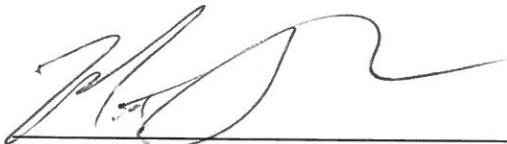
12. Anticipated implementation date and time period for which waiver is needed:
The State is requesting that this revised waiver be approved effective April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021.

13. Proposed quality control review procedures: There are no quality control procedures involved.

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

Matthew Stanglely
Chief of Policy & Program Development
Division of Public Assistance

15. Signature and title of requesting official:



Matthew Stanglely
Chief of Policy & Program Development

16. Date of request: March 17, 2020

17. State agency staff contact (name/email/telephone):

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