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RE: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) – Connecticut Request to Waive Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) Time Limit

Dear Mr. Patrie:

On September 3, 2019, DSS submitted a request to USDA to waive the SNAP time limit for ABAWDs in 110 towns and cities in the State of Connecticut from January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020 consistent with 7 CFR 273.24(f). On December 6, 2019, Connecticut received approval for our waiver request from USDA but only for the first three months of calendar year 2020 due to the new regulatory standards anticipated to take effect April 1, 2020.

Consistent with the March 13, 2020 United States District Court for the District of Columbia (District of Columbia, et al v. USDA) order that establishes an injunction on USDAs new waiver standards, Connecticut intends to continue waiver operation (in those districts who were approved for and accepted a waiver) through December 31, 2020 or until judicial decision requires otherwise.

Sincerely,

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