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Mr. Dwight Crudup, Director
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Southwest Regional Office
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1100 Commerce St., Room 522
Dallas, Texas 75242

RE: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) – Waiver for Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWDs) – 7CFR 273.24

Dear Mr. Crudup:

In accordance with 7 CFR 273.24 as amended by the Food and Nutrition Service's Final Rule (84 FR 66782), the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) is requesting an amendment of its current ABAWD time limit waiver for 14 Labor Market Areas.

The State of Louisiana seeks a waiver for 14 Labor Market Areas based on each Labor Market Area having an average unemployment rate at least 6 percent and at least 20 percent above the national average for the 24-month period of July 2017 through June 2019. The national average unemployment rate for this 24-month period was 3.9 percent and 20 percent above this was 4.7 percent.

With support from the Governor of Louisiana, the State is requesting a one-year waiver, from April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021, for these 14 parishes. Louisiana's current statewide waiver will remain in effect through March 31, 2020. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Kim Matherne at (225) 219-2428 or by email at Kim.Matherne.DCFS@la.gov.

Sincerely,

Sammy Guillory, Deputy Assistant Secretary
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