

STATE WAIVER REQUEST

1. **Waiver Serial Number (if applicable):** 2150032
2. **Type of request:** Extension
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:** Michigan
6. **Region:** MWRO
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 3 months during any 3 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 Michigan is requesting to exempt able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDs) in 77 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 percent 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.

The State of Michigan seeks a waiver for a region of 77 contiguous counties based on an average unemployment rate that is 20 percent above the national average for the 24-month period of January 2017 through December 2018. The national average

unemployment rate for this 24-month period was 4.1 percent; 20 percent above this was 4.9 percent. The average unemployment rate for this region was 4.9 percent for the same period.

Bureau of Labor Statistics Local Area Unemployment Data January 2017 through December 2018		
Counties	Unemployed Total	Labor Force Total
Alcona County	6,302	92,311
Alger County	6,314	78,472
Alpena County	17,523	325,254
Antrim County	14,741	242,723
Arenac County	10,937	144,512
Baraga County	5,276	76,416
Barry County	27,637	755,886
Bay County	62,383	1,213,954
Benzie County	12,673	211,789
Berrien County	80,529	1,768,328
Branch County	19,208	468,420
Calhoun County	68,975	1,520,555
Cass County	25,165	584,312
Charlevoix County	16,114	314,220
Cheboygan County	24,713	257,855
Chippewa County	27,925	391,716
Clare County	18,591	285,655
Clinton County	33,398	985,448
Crawford County	8,453	131,066
Delta County	23,658	409,346
Dickinson County	12,809	299,650
Eaton County	51,618	1,368,823
Emmet County	26,127	422,380
Genesee County	229,033	4,362,574
Gladwin County	14,419	238,561
Gogebic County	8,307	150,543
Grand Traverse County	46,387	1,181,203
Gratiot County	21,571	428,796
Hillsdale County	22,275	501,405
Houghton County	21,528	391,641
Huron County	18,443	380,785
Ingham County	142,883	3,614,885

Ionia County	26,491	721,670
Iosco County	16,591	242,306
Iron County	7,385	123,946
Isabella County	35,124	840,385
Jackson County	75,947	1,780,748
Kalamazoo County	117,868	3,184,953
Kalkaska County	12,001	188,380
Keweenaw County	1,681	21,464
Lake County	6,651	88,884
Lapeer County	52,869	989,645
Leelanau County	11,366	253,255
Lenawee County	49,499	1,130,145
Luce County	3,777	58,282
Mackinac County	12,229	124,057
Macomb County	450,104	10,652,659
Manistee County	15,293	250,644
Marquette County	40,826	782,728
Mason County	17,757	334,934
Mecosta County	23,857	448,811
Menominee County	11,709	264,660
Midland County	41,801	972,297
Missaukee County	9,150	169,920
Monroe County	81,015	1,819,369
Montcalm County	31,218	680,713
Montmorency County	6,963	73,220
Muskegon County	91,971	1,871,009
Newaygo County	25,863	561,404
Oceana County	19,606	300,138
Ogemaw County	14,356	196,547
Ontonagon County	4,265	51,481
Osceola County	13,390	258,867
Oscoda County	4,852	71,009
Otsego County	15,598	278,699
Presque Isle County	10,634	124,153
Roscommon County	15,540	187,553
Saginaw County	106,193	2,093,489
Sanilac County	25,702	471,113
Schoolcraft County	6,242	81,091
Shiawassee County	37,682	798,666
St. Clair County	89,377	1,812,467

St. Joseph County	27,086	685,521
Tuscola County	33,425	575,033
Van Buren County	44,771	857,335
Wayne County	1,025,496	19,025,498
Wexford County	18,098	354,571
Combined Area Total	3,915,234	80,453,203
Combined Area Unemployment Rate	4.9%	
20% Above National Average Threshold	4.9%	

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 DATE, represent XX% 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:

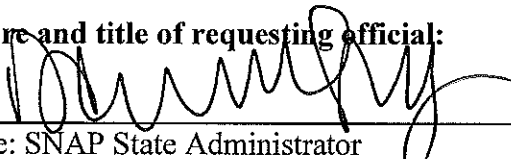
The State is requesting a one-year waiver, from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

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:

15. Signature and title of requesting official:


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16. Date of request: 11/25/19

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