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Subject: RE: ABAWD Waiver Requests
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Hi Ashley,

Thanks for your patience regarding this response. I see that MA submitted a 6-month waiver request, we will work on reviewing.

If a State requests to implement an ABAWD waiver for 6 months, but the data supports a 12-month approval, the State may later submit a request to extend their waiver for the remainder of the 12-month period. The State would need to submit an extension request for approval; the State could not continue using the waiver without an active approval.

I attached a similar extension approval that we gave Indiana in 2021 for reference.

Please let us know if you have any other questions.

Best,
Riley

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Hello Riley,

As an update, MA is looking to pursue only a 6 month statewide ABAWD waiver at this time due to a leadership decision. The SA is wondering if there would be any flexibility to extend the waiver (if approved) for the remaining eligible 6 months at or before the end of the initial 6 month approved time period (were leadership to allow).

Happy to hop on a call if easier to discuss.

Thank you,
Ashley

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Thank you Riley. This is very helpful. The State is MA. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Ashley

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Hi Ashley,

Thanks for reaching out on this. Yes, per the Guide to Supporting Requests for ABAWD waivers, “The State can qualify for a 12-month statewide waiver as long as the waiver is implemented within 12 months of the Trigger Notice effective date (i.e, the date on which the Trigger Notice was published).” Additionally, since States would assign ABAWD countable months based on calendar months/certification months, we approve all ABAWD waivers as of the first of the month. Therefore, the State could use a 6/20/21 trigger notice to qualify for a 6/1/22 – 5/31/23 Statewide waiver. We highly encourage the State to submit the request before 6/1/22. If the State submits the request by 6/20/22, we could approve retroactive to the beginning of June. If the State cannot submit by then, we would still encourage them to submit it as soon as possible so that we could determine if any part of the request is approvable.

For the Region’s awareness, we recently had a State submit a request more than a year after the latest trigger notice date. We approved the request for fewer than 12 months, the remainder of the

months that we would have approved had it been submitted timely. We highly urge States to submit requests timely, since we would have to consider any other request on a case-by-case basis and may not be able to approve it or to approve it timely.

Could you share what State this is? It wouldn't affect approval but may help with our planning.

Thanks,
Riley

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Hey Riley,

We have a State interested in submitting a Statewide ABAWD waiver request but may be delayed in being able to submit the request. I am trying to determine realistically when the last date they could submit and still be considered by NO. Do you have a sense of that? The last eligible trigger notice is dated 6/20/21. I have advised we usually request waivers be submitted 60 days prior to implementation (already past that). I understand the State can qualify for a 12-month Statewide waiver as long as the waiver is implemented within 12 months of an eligible Trigger Notice effective date (i.e, the date on which the Trigger Notice was published). Would it be fair to say we would consider the request as long as it is received prior to 6/20/21? The State wouldn't technically take additional action with approval since they have already suspended the time limit as result of the pandemic-just meaning the implementation nuance is a bit of semantics at this current time. Any input is greatly appreciated.

Thanks,
Ashley

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