

STATE WAIVER REQUEST RENEWAL

1. **Waiver Serial Number (if applicable):**
2. **Type of request:** Renewal
3. **Statutory citation:** Section 6(o) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, as amended
4. **Regulatory citation:** 7 CFR 273.24 (f)(1)(i)(ii) & (3)(iii)
5. **State:** Territory of Guam
6. **Region:** Western
7. **Regulatory requirements:** Section 6(o) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, as amended, provides that no able-bodied adult without dependents (ABAWD) shall be 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 ABAWD work requirement. Section 6(o) also provides that, upon the request of the State agency, the Secretary may waive the applicability of the 3-month ABAWD time limit for any group of individuals in the State, if the Secretary 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 or data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) indicates that the area has a 36-month average unemployment rate 20% above the national rate.
8. **Description of alternative procedures:** The Territory of Guam is requesting a territory-wide waiver from SNAP time limits at 7 CFR 273.24(f)(1)(i)(ii) & (3)(iii).
9. **Justification for request:** Under SNAP regulations at 7 CFR 273.24(f)(1)(i)(ii) & 3(iii), Guam requests FNS approval to waive the time limit for a group of individuals (ABAWDs). Guam's 36-monthly surveys average unemployment rate (please see attached "The Unemployment Situation on Guam Summary History: 1974-2023) is 20% above the national average. Guam's ABAWD waiver will end on February 29, 2024.
10. **Anticipated impact on households and State agency operations:** This waiver will provide consistency for state operations.
11. **Caseload information, including percent, characteristics, and quality control error rate for affection portion (if applicable):** This waiver applies to all ABAWDs in Guam and therefore, it affects the entire territory.

12. Anticipated implementation date and time period for which waiver is needed:
The territory is requesting a two-year waiver from March 1, 2024 through February 28, 2026.

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

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

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16. Date of request: December 26, 2023

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