

January 29, 2025

Richard Uthoff
Acting SNAP Director
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
Midwest Region
Food and Nutrition Service
United State Department of Agriculture
77 W Jackson Blvd
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Dear Mr. Uthoff:

Illinois is requesting a waiver extension under Section 6(o) of the Food Stamp Act, as amended by Section 824 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity and Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA). This waiver request is to continue exempting Illinois residents in all counties from the work requirement of 7 CFR 273.24, to be effective February 1, 2025 through January 31, 2027.

The Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) is seeking a two-year statewide waiver based on insufficient jobs and having an average unemployment rate greater than 20% above the national average for the 36-month period of December 2021 through November 2024. Illinois' average unemployment rate for this period was 4.7% and the national average was 3.8%.

We look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jill Outland jill.outland@illinois.gov or Terri Kulhan terri.kulhan@illinois.gov

Sincerely,


Leslie Cully, Director
Illinois Department of Human Services

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