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Ms. Ellie Fitzjarrald, Director
Dept. of Health and Social Services
Division of Public Assistance
350 Main Street, Room 310
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Juneau, Alaska 99811-0640

Dear Ms. Fitzjarrald:

This is sent in response to Ms. Carolyn Spalding's email dated February 16, 2010 informing us of Alaska's intent to apply a 12-month statewide Able-Bodied Adults without Dependents (ABAWDs) time limit waiver to suspend the time limit on ABAWDs through September 30, 2011.

We wanted to let you know that Ms. Spalding's email is sufficient and that a formal waiver request is not necessary at this time. Under federal regulations at 7 CFR 273.24(f)(2), a State can qualify for a 12-month statewide ABAWD waiver if the Department of Labor's Unemployment Insurance Service determines it meets the criteria for extended unemployment benefits (EB). Under longstanding guidance, States that meet the EB criteria can qualify for a 12-month statewide ABAWD waiver, up to 12 months after the trigger date.

According to Administrative Notice 10-16 and the DOL Trigger Notice 2010-2, effective January 24, 2010, Alaska meets these criteria; therefore, we are granting the extension through September 30, 2011.

Please contact Maribelle Balbes of my staff via email at Maribelle.Balbes@fns.usda.gov, if additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis Stewart".

DENNIS STEWART
Regional Director
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Cc: Carolyn Spalding, AK/SA

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