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RE: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) – Alaska Request to
Waive Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents Time Limit – Initial – Denial

Dear Chief Davis:

This letter transmits the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) denial of the Alaska Department of Health's (DOH) August 29, 2023, request to waive the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) time limit for able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDs) statewide.

Section 6(o)(4)(A) of the Food and Nutrition Act (FNA) allows State agencies to waive the time limit in areas of the State that have an unemployment rate of over 10 percent or do not have a sufficient number of jobs to provide employment for the individuals. DOH's request did not include data to indicate an unemployment rate over 10 percent or sufficient lack of jobs in the State, and as a result, FNS must deny the waiver request. FNS encourages Alaska to resubmit a waiver request supported by allowable data under program rule 7 CFR 273.24(f)(2). The [Guide to Supporting Requests to Waive the Time Limit for Able-Bodied Adults without Dependents \(ABAWD\)](#) is also an available resource to assist the State agency in submitting future requests.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact your Regional Office representative.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure