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Commissioner
State of Connecticut
Department of Social Services
55 Farmington Avenue
Hartford, Connecticut 06105

RE: SNAP – Connecticut Request to Waive Able-Bodied Adults without Dependents
Time Limit – Approval – REVISED

Dear Commissioner Bremby:

This is in response to the Connecticut State agency's request to waive the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) time limit for able-bodied adults without dependents in 114 jurisdictions from January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018.

The State agency's request meets the requirements for approval provided at 7 CFR 273.24(f) and relevant Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) guidance. Therefore, FNS is approving Connecticut to waive the time limit in the 114 jurisdictions for the requested 12-month period. The approval amends and extends waiver number 2150020. The attached waiver response includes the approved areas, the supporting evidence used, and the conditions of approval. If you have any questions please contact Kevin Pasquaretta at Kevin.Pasquaretta@fns.usda.gov.

Sincerely,

Sasha Gersten-Paal
Chief
Certification Policy Branch
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Attachment

WAIVER RESPONSE

1. **Waiver serial number:** 2150020
2. **Type of request:** Extension and amendment
3. **Statutory citation:** Section 6(o) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, as amended
4. **Regulatory citation:** 7 CFR 273.24
5. **State:** Connecticut
6. **Region:** Northeast
7. **Requirement:** Section 6(o) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, as amended, and regulations at 7 CFR 273.24 provide 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) and 7 CFR 273.24 also provide 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.
8. **Proposed alternative procedures:** The Connecticut State agency has requested to waive the ABAWD time limit in 114 jurisdictions from January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018. The State agency has supported its request based upon the combined area having an aggregate average unemployment rate 20 percent above the national average for the 24-month period of April 2015 through March 2017. During this time period the national average unemployment rate was 4.95 percent; 20 percent above that rate is 5.9 percent. As detailed in the following tables, the aggregate unemployment rate for the combined 114 jurisdiction area was 5.9 percent during the selected time period.

Bureau of Labor Statistics Local Area Unemployment Data April 2015 through March 2017*		
Jurisdiction	Unemployed	Labor Force
1. Andover town	1,925	46,220
2. Ansonia city/town	16,547	225,375
3. Ashford town	2,695	61,046
4. Barkhamsted town	2,460	55,155
5. Beacon Falls town	3,950	82,415
6. Bethany town	3,011	74,192
7. Bethlehem town	2,104	47,088
8. Bloomfield town	15,839	274,159
9. Bozrah town	1,661	34,691
10. Branford town	17,844	383,121
11. Bridgeport city/town	137,302	1,706,373
12. Bridgewater town	776	20,447
13. Bristol city/town	47,006	789,770
14. Brooklyn town	5,234	98,685
15. Canterbury town	3,590	69,115
16. Chaplin town	1,707	30,014
17. Clinton town	7,539	174,283
18. Colchester town	9,382	224,781
19. Colebrook town	909	20,123
20. Columbia town	3,309	77,306
21. Coventry town	7,695	185,737
22. Cromwell town	8,379	189,761
23. Deep River town	2,733	68,543
24. Derby city/town	10,799	164,249
25. East Haddam town	5,643	119,918
26. East Hampton town	7,687	182,830
27. East Hartford town	44,499	656,434
28. East Haven town	22,248	377,936
29. East Lyme town	10,036	211,232
30. East Windsor town	8,548	156,545
31. Eastford town	863	22,707
32. Ellington town	9,632	220,378
33. Enfield town	30,096	554,053
34. Essex town	3,407	80,062
35. Franklin town	1,175	25,965
36. Goshen town	1,697	39,763
37. Griswold town	9,664	151,824
38. Groton town	20,865	442,654
39. Hamden town	39,954	840,616
40. Hampton town	1,269	24,663
41. Hartford city/town	125,792	1,289,740

42.	Hartland town	1,148	27,392
43.	Harwinton town	3,169	76,819
44.	Killingly town	14,327	229,752
45.	Lebanon town	4,521	97,878
46.	Ledyard town	8,418	191,329
47.	Lisbon town	3,157	56,327
48.	Manchester town	40,400	784,127
49.	Mansfield town	14,855	302,351
50.	Meriden city/town	50,150	769,135
51.	Middlebury town	3,785	92,441
52.	Middlefield town	2,618	60,043
53.	Middletown city/town	32,802	624,858
54.	Milford (consolidated) city/town	33,418	719,168
55.	Monroe town	11,414	245,409
56.	Montville town	12,313	224,522
57.	Morris town	1,380	34,273
58.	Naugatuck borough/town	25,016	415,070
59.	New Britain city/town	65,743	878,546
60.	New Fairfield town	7,633	173,946
61.	New Hartford town	4,150	95,396
62.	New Haven city/town	106,812	1,543,275
63.	New London city/town	21,644	289,139
64.	New Milford town	16,630	370,606
65.	Newington town	18,543	413,687
66.	Norfolk town	991	21,638
67.	North Canaan town	1,861	40,907
68.	North Haven town	14,110	319,189
69.	North Stonington town	2,965	69,777
70.	Norwich city/town	31,469	488,321
71.	Old Lyme town	3,574	89,997
72.	Old Saybrook town	5,444	121,644
73.	Oxford town	7,578	172,412
74.	Plainfield town	13,063	207,140
75.	Plainville town	12,370	249,939
76.	Plymouth town	9,949	159,840
77.	Pomfret town	2,144	59,292
78.	Portland town	6,044	130,801
79.	Preston town	2,994	58,164
80.	Prospect town	5,729	133,447
81.	Putnam town	7,046	115,735
82.	Salem town	2,530	51,305
83.	Scotland town	1,091	22,947
84.	Seymour town	12,097	215,731
85.	Shelton city/town	26,749	531,684
86.	Somers town	5,685	126,327

87.	Southbury town	10,361	210,679
88.	Southington town	24,985	582,674
89.	Sprague town	2,360	39,013
90.	Stafford town	9,167	163,486
91.	Sterling town	3,162	48,624
92.	Stonington town	9,889	230,099
93.	Stratford town	40,430	663,844
94.	Thomaston town	5,088	112,727
95.	Thompson town	6,435	125,451
96.	Torrington city/town	27,982	469,411
97.	Union town	488	11,155
98.	Vernon town	20,647	407,952
99.	Voluntown town	1,870	35,833
100.	Wallingford town	28,012	626,832
101.	Warren town	850	19,117
102.	Waterbury city/town	103,696	1,219,515
103.	Waterford town	11,497	243,715
104.	Watertown town	14,203	311,402
105.	West Haven city/town	45,052	721,042
106.	Westbrook town	4,069	86,811
107.	Wethersfield town	15,457	335,522
108.	Winchester town	8,168	149,123
109.	Windham town	19,115	297,224
110.	Windsor Locks town	9,312	177,286
111.	Windsor town	20,035	396,075
112.	Wolcott town	10,515	235,890
113.	Woodbury town	5,300	132,717
114.	Woodstock town	4,477	99,612
Total for Region		1,799,622	30,754,526
Combined Region Unemployment Rate		5.9%	

*Data extracted from www.bls.gov on August 7, 2017.

9. **Action and reason for approval or denial:** The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is approving the Connecticut State agency's request to waive the ABAWD time limit in the 114 jurisdictions because the areas meet the requirements for approval provided at 7 CFR 273.24(f) and relevant FNS guidance.
10. **Regulatory or legislative basis for action:** The waiver is approved pursuant to section 6(o) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, as amended and 7 CFR 273.24(f).
11. **Information required for an extension:** To receive an amendment or extension the State agency must provide FNS with a formal request supported by data or other information as described in 7 CFR 273.24(f). Any request based upon unemployment rates must include data spreadsheets and supporting documentation.

- 12. Implementation date and expiration date:** The waiver is effective January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018.
- 13. Limitation, if any, on regional office approval of like requests:** The waiver is limited to the Connecticut State agency.
- 14. Date of national office action:** **AUG 23 2017**
- 15. Date of State agency's request:** June 30, 2017
- 16. Date of regional office transmittal of request:** July 3, 2017
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