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March 29, 2012

Mr. Dennis Stewart, Regional Director
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90 Seventh St., Suite 10-100
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Dear Mr. Stewart:

We were notified that Hawaii qualifies for a 12-month statewide ABAWD waiver as a result of meeting the criteria for extended benefits (EB). Administrative Notice 12-17 explains that states that qualify for an ABAWD waiver do not have to request an FNS approved waiver in advance in order to lift the ABAWD restrictions but must notify Western Region Office of the statewide implementation of the ABAWD waiver.

We are providing notice that Hawaii will be implementing the fiscal year 2013 ABAWD waiver and, extending the current suspension end date for ABAWD work requirements from September 30, 2012 to September 30, 2013.

If you have any questions, please contact Pamela Higa at (808) 586-5728.

Sincerely,

Pankaj Bhanot
Division Administrator



United States Department of Agriculture
Food and Nutrition Service

Western Region

March 21, 2012

Reply to
Attn of:

Administrative Notice 12-17

SNAP-2-GEN

Subject:

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)-Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents Waivers for Fiscal Year 2013

To:

State SNAP Directors

This memo provides information about which States are eligible to waive Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) time limits for participation in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) for fiscal year 2013. Under SNAP 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. The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) can approve a waiver if the State's unemployment triggers the criteria for extended benefit compensation (EB), regardless of whether the State has elected the option to offer EB itself. States that meet the EB criteria can qualify for a 12-month statewide ABAWD waiver, up to 12 months after the trigger date.

The Department of Labor's Emergency Unemployment Compensation Trigger Notice 2011-52, effective January 8, 2012, indicates that 46 States or geographic areas met the emergency unemployment compensation criteria:

Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virgin Islands, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin

Thus, the 46 qualifying States or geographic areas may suspend the time limits on ABAWDs through at least September 30, 2013. In addition, State agencies that appear on a different DOL Trigger Notice beginning no earlier than October 1, 2011, also qualify for a fiscal year 2013 ABAWD waiver. States must notify the Western Region Office (WRO) of the statewide implementation. We request that States provide written notification of their decision to adopt this waiver to WRO by August 31, 2012. For States that do not qualify for a statewide waiver under the EB trigger notice, SNAP regulations at 273.24(f) provide details about additional ways a State may qualify for an ABAWD waiver, either statewide or within certain areas of the State.

If you have any questions, please contact your State Program Officer at 415 705-1361.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lisa B. Kim". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

LISA B. KIM, Chief
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