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State of Louisiana
Department of Children and Family Services
Division of Programs
Economic Stability and Self-Sufficiency Section

August 18, 2010

Mr. Dwight Crudup, Director
Food Stamp Program
Southwest Regional Office
Food & Nutrition Service
1100 Commerce St., Room 522
Dallas, Texas 75242

RE: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)-Able Bodied Adults Without
Dependents (ABAWDs) Waiver for Fiscal Year 2011
7 CFR 273.24(f)(2)

Dear Mr. Crudup,

The Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) elects to extend the current ABAWD waiver through Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2011. The current waiver is pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 that provides that State agencies can suspend the SNAP time limits for ABAWDs. Louisiana qualifies for the extension under FNS regulations that allow states to qualify for a statewide ABAWD waiver if its unemployment is high enough to meet the traditional criteria for extended benefits (EB) under the unemployment insurance program. The EB criteria are established by the Department of Labor and Louisiana is one of 49 qualifying states that meet the unemployment rate required in the DOL Trigger Notice 2010-2, effective January 24, 2010.

If additional information is needed, please contact Mark Hodges by email at Mark.Hodges@la.gov or by telephone at (225) 342-9106.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sammy Guillory".

Sammy Guillory
Deputy Assistant Secretary

Attachment
SG/EG

cc: Ruth Johnson, Secretary
Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services