

FAMILY INVESTMENT ADMINISTRATION

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Mr. William Kluxen
Regional Director, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
United States Department of Agriculture
Mercer Corporate Park
300 Corporate Boulevard
Robinsonville NJ 09991-1598

Dear Mr. Kluxen:

Thank you for the reminder that a state can qualify for a 12-month statewide waiver for able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWD) if the Department of Labor's (DOL) Unemployment Insurance Service determines it meets the criteria for extended benefits. According to the DOL Trigger Notice 2010-2, effective January 24, 2010, Maryland is one of 49 states that meets the criteria, and subsequently qualifies to suspend the time limits on ABAWDs through September 30, 2011.

Given Maryland's status as a state that meets the criteria for extended unemployment insurance benefits, we are requesting this waiver. This will allow us to continue to provide SNAP benefits to needy able-bodied adults.

If you have questions, please contact me at (410) 767-7338. You may also call Kay Finegan at (410) 767-7939.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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