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

TO: All Regional Directors
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

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