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

Dear Mr. Pearson:

This is in response to the New Mexico Human Services Department's August 31, 2016 request to waive the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) time limit for able-bodied adults without dependents. New Mexico is currently approved to waive the time limit Statewide for a 10-month period, from March 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016, under waiver number 2160027. The State agency has requested to continue the waiver Statewide for the full 12-month period for which it is eligible, through February 28, 2017.

The State agency has supported its request based upon the State's eligibility for extended unemployment benefits, a criterion for a 12-month Statewide waiver approval provided by SNAP regulations at 7 CFR 273.24. The State has provided a copy of Department of Labor's Trigger notice 2015-49, showing that New Mexico qualified for extended unemployment benefits effective December 20, 2015. This is the same trigger notice used by the State agency to support its current 10-month approval.

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is approving New Mexico's request to implement its waiver for the full 12-month period for which it is eligible, effective Statewide from March 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017. FNS is approving the waiver pursuant to section 6(o) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, as amended and 7 CFR 273.24(f), and under the same conditions as provided by the March 31, 2016 approval. Please contact Arianne Steed at Arianne.Steed@fns.usda.gov or Herschel Bowens at Herschel.Bowens@fns.usda.gov with any questions.

Sincerely,

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