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Dear Mr. Stewart:

The Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is operating under waiver 2000039 which suspends time limits on able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWD). The current waiver expires on April 30, 2010.

Per the Department of Labor (DOL) Trigger Notice 2010-2, effective January 24, 2010, Oregon is among the 49 states that meet the requirement for extended unemployment benefits (EB).

As such, Oregon DHS is requesting to suspend the time limits on ABAWDs through at least September 30, 2011. This letter serves as our notification of decision to adopt this waiver.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Vic Todd, Administrator
Office of Self-Sufficiency Programs
Children, Adults and Families Division
Oregon Department of Human Services

cc: Belit Stockfleth, SNAP Manager





United States Department of Agriculture
Food and Nutrition Service

Western Region

February 1, 2010

Reply to
Attn of: SNAP- Administrative Notice 10-16 SNAP-2-GEN

Subject: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)-Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents Waivers for Fiscal Year 2011

To: Western Region SNAP Directors

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (P.L.111-5), provides that State agencies can suspend the SNAP time limits on Able-Bodied Adults without Dependents (ABAWDs) through September 30, 2010. At that time, regular program rules under Section 6(o) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 will apply. Nearly all States, however, may continue to suspend the 3 month time limits through September 30, 2011 because they qualify for a waiver from the time limit under SNAP program rules.

Under federal 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. FNS can approve a waiver if the State's unemployment triggers the criteria for extended benefits (EB), regardless of whether the State has elected the option to offer EB itself. Under longstanding guidance, States that meet the EB criteria can qualify for a 12-month statewide ABAWD waiver, up to 12 months after the trigger date. **The DOL Trigger Notice 2010-2, effective January 24, 2010, indicates that 49 States or geographic areas met the EB 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 Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virgin Islands, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming

Thus, the 49 qualifying States or geographic areas may suspend the time limits on ABAWDs through at least September 30, 2011. In addition, State agencies that appear on a subsequent DOL Trigger Notice would also qualify for an ABAWD waiver through at least September 30, 2011. These States may lift the ABAWD restrictions without requesting an FNS approved waiver in advance, although States must notify their FNS regional office of the statewide implementation. We request that States inform their FNS regional office of their decision to adopt this waiver by August 30, 2010.

If you have any questions, please contact your State Program Officer.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Walter Zamski" with "for" written below it.

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cc: WRO: POI; POQC