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Illinois is requesting a waiver extension under Section 6(o) of the Food Stamp Act, as amended by Section 824 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity and Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA). This waiver request is to exempt Illinois residents in all counties from the work requirement of 7 CFR 273.24, to be effective November 1, 2024 and remain through October 31, 2025.

The Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) is seeking a statewide waiver based on insufficient jobs and the state's average unemployment rate of 4.6 percent which exceeds the national unemployment rate of 3.7 percent during the same 24-month period (June 2022 through May 2024) by the minimum of 20 percent.

IDHS looks forward to hearing from FNS. If you have additional questions, please contact Terri Vaniter - [terri.vaniter@illinois.gov](mailto:terri.vaniter@illinois.gov)

Sincerely,

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Cc: Bureau of Policy Development