

April 6, 2005

SUBJECT: FSP – Colorado - Request for Extension of Waiver 970069

TO: Ralph E. Anzur
Acting Regional Director
Food Stamp Program
Mountain Plains Region

This is in response to your memorandum dated March 23, 2005, which transmitted the State of Colorado's request for an extension of its current waiver of 7 CFR 273.24. This section limits the receipt of food stamp benefits to 3 months within a 3-year period for able-bodied adults who are not working (or participating in a work program) 20 hours or more each week or participating in workfare.

Colorado wishes to exempt Conejos, Costilla, and San Juan Counties due to their designations as Labor Surplus Areas (LSAs) for FY 2005 by the Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration (DOLETA).

We are approving the State Agency's request, effective May 1, 2005. Approval is based on our review of the DOLETA Notice regarding FY 2005 LSA designations (published on October 28, 2004 at 69 FR 63012). The waiver will expire on April 30, 2006

If you have any questions, please contact Patricia Maggi of my staff at (703) 305-2468.

/s/

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