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SUBJECT: SNAP – Wisconsin – Able-bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD)
Waiver of 7 CFR 273.24 – Modification and Extension

TO: Tim English, Regional Director
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Midwest Region

This is in response to the Wisconsin State Agency's request to modify and extend its ABAWD waiver that is set to expire March 31, 2009, which exempts individuals residing in certain areas within the State from the work requirements of 7 CFR 273.24 based on high unemployment.

At the time of the waiver request the State agency was not eligible for statewide approval. However, beginning with the Department of Labor's Emergency Unemployment Compensation trigger notice of January 25, 2009, the State became eligible to exempt individuals within the entire State. Even though Wisconsin continues to qualify for a statewide ABAWD waiver under the most recent trigger notice of February 22, 2009, the State agency requested to proceed with its extension of 33 of the 34 counties originally approved (excluding Washington County) and 4 of 7 cities (excluding Fond du Lac, Beloit, and Janesville), and adding 18 new counties.

Food and Nutrition Service has determined that the requested waiver is no longer necessary due to the recently-enacted American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). Section 101(e) of ARRA suspends restrictions on ABAWD participation in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) as of April 1, 2009 continuing through September 30, 2010 (unless State agencies choose to impose specific work requirements) so waivers are not required to exempt ABAWDs from the time limits during this period.

If you have any questions, please contact Vicky Robinson at vicky.robinson@fns.usda.gov or at (703) 305-2476.

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