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SUBJECT: SNAP – Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 Allocations of New 15 Percent Exemptions for Able Bodied Adults without Dependents (ABAWDs) – Not Adjusted for Carryover

TO: All Regional Directors  
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

The Food and Nutrition Act restricts the amount of time that able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDs) may participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to 3-months in a 36-month period, unless the ABAWD meets certain work requirements or is exempted by the State. Section 6(o) of the Food and Nutrition Act as well as SNAP regulations at 7 CFR 273.24(g) provide each State agency with an annual allocation of exemptions of the work requirements at 7 CFR 273.24 for ABAWDs.

This memorandum provides the number of new 15 percent ABAWD exemptions available to each State agency for fiscal year (FY) 2013. Many State agencies did not earn any new ABAWD exemptions because they had statewide waivers for FY 2012. Once new data becomes available, FNS will issue another memorandum in early calendar year 2013 that includes the number of carryover exemptions each State has accumulated and any adjustments to FY 2012 exemptions due to a 10 percent or greater increase in State participation rates.

Please advise your State agencies of the number of new 15 percent exemptions that are available to them for FY 2013, as provided in the attachment. Should you have any questions concerning this memorandum, please contact Stephanie Davis via email at [Stephanie.Davis@fns.usda.gov](mailto:Stephanie.Davis@fns.usda.gov).

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Attachment

**ABAWD Exemptions for FY 2013 – Not Including Carry Over**

<b>State</b>	<b>New 15% Exemptions Earned for FY 2013 (DOES NOT INCLUDE ADJUSTMENTS OR CARRY OVER)</b>
Alabama	0
Alaska	0
Arizona	0
Arkansas	0
California	0
Colorado	5,688
Connecticut	0
Delaware	5,304
Dist. of Col.	0
Florida	0
Georgia	0
Guam	0
Hawaii	0
Idaho	0
Illinois	0
Indiana	0
Iowa	0
Kansas	0
Kentucky	0
Louisiana	0
Maine	0
Maryland	0
Massachusetts	0
Michigan	0
Minnesota	0
Mississippi	0
Missouri	0
Montana	0
Nebraska	7,272
Nevada	0
New Hampshire	0
New Jersey	0
New Mexico	0
New York	59,232
North Carolina	0
North Dakota	2,808
Ohio	0

Oklahoma	0
Oregon	0
Pennsylvania	0
Rhode Island	0
South Carolina	0
South Dakota	3,240
Tennessee	0
Texas	154,416
Utah	0
Vermont	0
Virginia	0
Virgin Islands	0
Washington	0
West Virginia	0
Wisconsin	0
Wyoming	0