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SUBJECT: SNAP – Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 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. SNAP regulations at 7 CFR 273.24(g) provide each State agency with an annual allocation of exemptions from the work requirements of 7 CFR 273.24 for ABAWDs. This memorandum provides each SNAP State agency with the number of new 15 percent (ABAWD) exemptions available to them for fiscal year (FY) 2012 as well as any adjustments to their FY 2011 amounts due to a State experiencing a 10 percent or greater increases in their FY 2011 participation rate. Many State agencies did not earn any ABAWD exemptions in FY 2012 because they had statewide waivers for FY 2011.

Please advise your State agencies of the number of new 15 percent exemptions that are available to them for FY 2012 as provided herein. We will be sending out another memorandum in early 2012 with the total exemptions, adjusted for carryover, once we have received the final FY 2011 Employment and Training Employment Activity (FNS-583) reports from all States.

Should you have any questions concerning this memorandum, please contact Patrick Lucrezio via email at Patrick.Lucrezio@fns.usda.gov.

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Attachment

ABAWD Exemptions for FY 2012 – NOT INCLUDING CARRY OVER

State	Adjustments to FY 2011 15% Exemptions for States with 10% or greater participation increases in FY 2011 (Annual Adjustment)	New 15% Exemptions Earned for FY 2012 (Annual)	Total Number of New 15 % Exemptions Earned for FY 2012 (DOES NOT INCLUDE CARRY OVER)
Alabama	0	0	0
Alaska	0	0	0
Arizona	0	0	0
Arkansas	0	0	0
California	0	0	0
Colorado	492	4,452	4,944
Connecticut	0	0	0
Delaware	672	4,728	5,400
DC	0	0	0
Florida	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0
Guam	0	0	0
Hawaii	0	0	0
Idaho	0	0	0
Illinois	0	0	0
Indiana	0	0	0
Iowa	0	0	0
Kansas	0	0	0
Kentucky	0	0	0
Louisiana	0	0	0
Maine	0	0	0
Maryland	0	0	0
Massachusetts	0	0	0
Michigan	0	0	0
Minnesota	0	0	0
Mississippi	0	0	0
Missouri	0	0	0
Montana	0	0	0
Nebraska	0	7,176	7,176

Nevada	0	0	0
New Hampshire	0	0	0
New Jersey	0	0	0
New Mexico	0	0	0
New York	0	56,928	56,928
North Carolina	0	0	0
North Dakota	0	3,012	3,012
Ohio	0	0	0
Oklahoma	0	0	0
Oregon	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	0	0	0
Rhode Island	0	0	0
South Carolina	0	0	0
South Dakota	0	3,108	3,108
Tennessee	0	0	0
Texas	19,212	161,676	180,888
Utah	0	0	0
Vermont	0	0	0
Virginia	0	0	0
Virgin Islands	0	0	0
Washington	0	0	0
West Virginia	0	10,368	10,368
Wisconsin	0	0	0
Wyoming	0	0	0