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SUBJECT: SNAP – Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 Allocations of 15 Percent Exemptions for Able Bodied Adults without Dependents (ABAWDs) – 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 three 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.

FNS issued a memorandum on November 20, 2012 that advised State agencies of the number of new 15 percent ABAWD exemptions available to them for fiscal year (FY) 2013. Many State agencies did not earn any new ABAWD exemptions because they had statewide waivers for FY 2012. This memorandum computes the total 15 percent ABAWD exemptions available to all States for FY 2013, including carry over, by accounting for exemptions used in FY 2012 and reported on each States' SNAP Employment and Training Activity Report (FNS-583). This year, there were no changes to FY 2012 exemption amounts due to a State experiencing a greater than 10 percent increase in their case load.

Should you have any questions concerning this memorandum, please contact Stephanie Davis at Stephanie.Davis@fns.usda.gov.

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Attachment

ABAWD Exemptions for FY 2013 – INCLUDING CARRY OVER

State	Final FY 2011 15% Exemptions Adjusted for Carry Over from Prior Years and Including New 15% Exemptions Earned for FY 2013	15% Exemptions Used in FY 2012	Total Number of ABAWD 15% Exemptions for FY 2013 (INCLUDING CARRY OVER)
Alabama	61,605	0	61,605
Alaska	9,466	0	9,466
Arizona	48,415	0	48,415
Arkansas	67,195	0	67,195
California	866,894	0	866,894
Colorado	19,196	2,282	16,914
Connecticut	5,839	0	5,839
Delaware	37,188	0	37,188
DC	0	0	0
Florida*	-2,904	0	-2,904
Georgia	61,515	0	61,515
Guam	2,959	0	2,959
Hawaii	27,089	0	27,089
Idaho	28,052	0	28,052
Illinois	51,341	0	51,341
Indiana	109,106	0	109,106
Iowa	45,321	0	45,321
Kansas	14,178	0	14,178
Kentucky	57,760	0	57,760
Louisiana	13,811	0	13,811
Maine	0	0	0
Maryland	18,915	0	18,915
Massachusetts	15,441	0	15,441
Michigan	483,013	0	483,013
Minnesota	86,654	0	86,654
Mississippi	54,807	0	54,807
Missouri	0	0	0
Montana	22,944	0	22,944
Nebraska	33,701	0	33,701
Nevada	59,366	0	59,366
New Hampshire	861	0	861
New Jersey	76,390	0	76,390

New Mexico*	-1,868	0	-1,868
New York	431,260	0	431,260
North Carolina	0	0	0
North Dakota	20,042	15,743	4,299
Ohio	405,286	0	405,286
Oklahoma	215,942	0	215,942
Oregon	60,688	0	60,688
Pennsylvania	105,388	0	105,388
Rhode Island	8,390	0	8,390
South Carolina	0	0	0
South Dakota	12,637	5,554	7,083
Tennessee	42,990	0	42,990
Texas	1,312,698	21,650	1,291,048
Utah	1,914	0	1,914
Vermont	34,266	0	34,266
Virginia	238,722	0	238,722
Virgin Islands	3,948	0	3,948
Washington	11,530	0	11,530
West Virginia	111,011	0	111,011
Wisconsin	55,676	0	55,676
Wyoming	20,140	0	20,140

**Florida and New Mexico overused exemptions in the first half of FY 2009, prior to ARRA implementation. No further exemptions will be used until their negative balances are eliminated.*