
General Information Memorandum

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TO: ISD Employees
FROM: Karmela Martinez, Acting Director, Income Support Division
DATE: March 18, 2019
RE: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) – Approval of Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) Time Limit Waiver

On February 21, 2019, the New Mexico Human Services Department's (NMHSD) Income Support Division (ISD) was granted approval from the Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) to continue to waive the ABAWD time limit work requirement statewide.

An ABAWD can only receive SNAP benefits for three months in three years if they do not comply with the ABAWD time limit work requirement which is:

- Working 20 hours a week;
- Working 80 hours total per month (for pay, in exchange for something other than money, or as a volunteer);
- Participating in and complying with the requirements of a work program, for 20 hours per week or 80 hours total per month; or
- Participating in any combination of work and participation in a work program for a total of 20 hours per week or 80 hours total per month.

The ABAWD time limit work requirement is set on a fixed 36-month time period. The entire ABAWD population falls under the same fixed 36-month period time period, regardless of when they apply for SNAP. The first 36 month time period began on June 1, 2017 and will end on May 31, 2020. The next 36 month time period will begin on June 1, 2020, and so on.

The statewide waiver extension is valid from March 1, 2019, through February 29, 2020.

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