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SUBJECT: SNAP – Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 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 exempt. 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 from time limited participation for ABAWDs.

This memorandum provides the number of new 15 percent ABAWD exemptions available to each State agency for fiscal year (FY) 2015. State agencies that had statewide waivers in FY 2014 did not earn any new ABAWD exemptions. Once data becomes available, FNS will issue another memorandum that includes the number of carryover exemptions each State has accumulated and any adjustments 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 2015, as provided in the attachment. If you have any questions concerning this memorandum, please contact Stephanie Proska at Stephanie.Proska@fns.usda.gov or Casey McConnell at Casey.McConnell@fns.usda.gov.

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Attachment

| ABAWD Exemptions for FY 2015 – Not Including Carry Over | |
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| State | New 15% Exemptions Earned for FY 2015 (DOES NOT INCLUDE ADJUSTMENTS OR CARRY OVER) |
| Alabama | 0 |
| Alaska | 0 |
| Arizona | 0 |
| Arkansas | 0 |
| California | 0 |
| Colorado | 6,057 |
| Connecticut | 0 |
| Delaware | 5,486 |
| Dist. of Col. | 0 |
| Florida | 0 |
| Georgia | 0 |
| Guam | 513 |
| Hawaii | 0 |
| Idaho | 0 |
| Illinois | 0 |
| Indiana | 0 |
| Iowa | 15,347 |
| Kansas | 10,448 |
| Kentucky | 0 |
| Louisiana | 0 |
| Maine | 0 |
| Maryland | 0 |
| Massachusetts | 0 |
| Michigan | 0 |
| Minnesota | 24,004 |
| Mississippi | 0 |
| Missouri | 0 |
| Montana | 0 |
| Nebraska | 7,358 |
| Nevada | 0 |
| New Hampshire | 2,086 |
| New Jersey | 0 |
| New Mexico | 0 |
| New York | 0 |
| North Carolina | 0 |
| North Dakota | 2,803 |

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| Ohio | 79,341 |
| Oklahoma | 34,350 |
| Oregon | 0 |
| Pennsylvania | 0 |
| Rhode Island | 0 |
| South Carolina | 0 |
| South Dakota | 3,057 |
| Tennessee | 0 |
| Texas | 151,559 |
| Utah | 6,977 |
| Vermont | 6,941 |
| Virginia | 60,121 |
| Virgin Islands | 0 |
| Washington | 0 |
| West Virginia | 0 |
| Wisconsin | 3,119 |
| Wyoming | 2,510 |