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SUBJECT: SNAP – FY 2017 Allocations of 15 Percent Exemptions for
ABAWDs – Totals Adjusted for Carryover

TO: All Regional Directors
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Section 6(o) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, as amended (the Act), limits the time able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWD) can receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits to 3 months in any 36-month period, unless the individual meets the ABAWD work requirement or is otherwise exempt. The Act also provides each State agency with an annual allocation of exemptions from the time limit for ABAWDs, calculated based upon 15 percent of the ABAWDs subject to the time limit in the State.

This memorandum informs States of the total number of 15 percent ABAWD exemptions available to them for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017, adjusted for carryover. The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has calculated these totals based upon exemptions used in FY 2016 (as reported on each State's FNS-583 SNAP Employment and Training Activity Report, due 45 days after the close of the report period), unused exemptions from previous fiscal years, and new exemptions allocated for FY 2017. Since no State experienced a caseload increase of over 10 percent, there are no adjustments to the new exemptions allocated for FY 2017.

FNS reminds States that, for Quality Control purposes, exemptions must be documented in the case file prior to monthly sample selection.

Please advise your State agencies of the total number of 15 percent ABAWD exemptions available to them for FY 2017. If you have any questions concerning this memorandum, please contact Robert Ek at Robert.Ek@fns.usda.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sasha Gersten Paal".

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Attachment

ABAWD 15 PERCENT EXEMPTIONS FOR FY 2017 – ADJUSTED FOR CARRYOVER

| State | Total FY 2016 Exemptions (Adjusted) | Exemptions Used in FY 2016 | Exemptions Earned for FY 2017 | Total FY 2017 Exemptions (Adjusted) |
|----------------------|--|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| Alabama | 61,605 | - | 48,120 | 109,725 |
| Alaska | 9,466 | - | - | 9,466 |
| Arizona | 48,415 | - | 22,764 | 71,179 |
| Arkansas | 67,195 | 18,266 | 23,136 | 72,065 |
| California | 866,894 | - | - | 866,894 |
| Colorado | 28,017 | 2,638 | 12,192 | 37,571 |
| Connecticut | 5,839 | 498 | 14,676 | 20,017 |
| Delaware | 53,678 | - | 5,352 | 59,030 |
| District of Columbia | - | - | - | - |
| Florida | -2,904 | - | 176,508 | 173,604 |
| Georgia | 61,515 | 5,761 | 11,124 | 66,878 |
| Guam | 3,472 | - | - | 3,472 |
| Hawaii | 39,247 | 1,998 | 12,828 | 50,077 |
| Idaho | 28,052 | - | 7,704 | 35,756 |
| Illinois | 51,341 | - | - | 51,341 |
| Indiana | 99,278 | 826 | 35,808 | 134,260 |
| Iowa | 75,320 | 137 | 14,172 | 89,355 |
| Kansas | 34,262 | - | 8,964 | 43,226 |
| Kentucky | 57,760 | 43,307 | 17,160 | 31,613 |
| Louisiana | 12,957 | 137 | - | 12,820 |
| Maine | 14,604 | - | 13,392 | 27,996 |
| Maryland | 18,915 | 18,761 | 18,048 | 18,202 |
| Massachusetts | 15,441 | 569 | 23,640 | 38,512 |
| Michigan | 483,013 | - | - | 483,013 |
| Minnesota | 130,623 | 3,889 | 21,360 | 148,094 |
| Mississippi | 54,807 | 633 | 35,472 | 89,646 |
| Missouri | - | - | 56,208 | 56,208 |
| Montana | 28,296 | 832 | 5,280 | 32,744 |
| Nebraska | 55,639 | 676 | 7,332 | 62,295 |

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| State | Total FY 2016 Exemptions (Adjusted) | Exemptions Used in FY 2016 | Exemptions Earned for FY 2017 | Total FY 2017 Exemptions (Adjusted) |
|----------------|--|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| Nevada | 59,366 | - | - | 59,366 |
| New Hampshire | 4,315 | 713 | 1,848 | 5,450 |
| New Jersey | 76,390 | 6,483 | 4,344 | 74,251 |
| New Mexico* | -1,868 | - | - | - 1,868 |
| New York | 145,308 | 40,568 | 68,172 | 172,912 |
| North Carolina | - | 22,197 | 81,624 | 59,427 |
| North Dakota | 12,826 | 693 | 2,448 | 14,581 |
| Ohio | 559,387 | 391,152 | 71,868 | 240,103 |
| Oklahoma | 246,348 | 3,265 | 33,996 | 277,079 |
| Oregon | 60,688 | 146 | 23,880 | 84,422 |
| Pennsylvania | 105,388 | 65,671 | 93,564 | 133,281 |
| Rhode Island | 8,390 | - | - | 8,390 |
| South Carolina | - | - | 29,448 | 29,448 |
| South Dakota | 4,191 | 33 | 2,832 | 6,990 |
| Tennessee | 42,990 | 4,808 | 18,828 | 57,010 |
| Texas | 1,655,026 | 48,281 | 166,740 | 1,773,485 |
| Utah | 20,432 | 1,417 | 6,552 | 25,567 |
| Vermont | 3,945 | - | 5,736 | 9,681 |
| Virgin Islands | 3,948 | - | - | 3,948 |
| Virginia | 270,108 | 122 | 38,376 | 308,362 |
| Washington | 11,530 | 28,886 | 26,784 | 9,428 |
| West Virginia | 111,011 | 7,377 | 10,788 | 114,422 |
| Wisconsin | 51,137 | 6,173 | 29,496 | 74,460 |
| Wyoming | 27,402 | - | 2,280 | 29,682 |

**New Mexico overused 15 percent exemptions in the first and second quarters of FY 2009, prior to the implementation of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, and cannot use 15 percent exemptions until its negative balance is eliminated.*