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SUBJECT: SNAP – FY 2018 ABAWD 15 Percent Exemptions 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) 2018, adjusted for carryover. The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has calculated these totals based upon exemptions used in FY 2017 (as States have reported on the 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 2018.

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

Please distribute this memorandum to your States. If you have any questions, please contact Casey McConnell at Casey.McConnell@fns.usda.gov.

Sincerely,

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| State | Exemptions (Adjusted) Total FY 2017 | Exemptions Used in FY 2017 | Exemptions Earned for FY 2018 | Exemptions (Adjusted) Total FY 2018 |
|----------------------|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| Alabama | 109,725 | - | 49,080 | 158,805 |
| Alaska | 9,466 | - | - | 9,466 |
| Arizona | 71,179 | 602 | 26,076 | 96,653 |
| Arkansas | 72,065 | 503 | 20,628 | 92,190 |
| California | 866,894 | - | - | 866,894 |
| Colorado | 37,571 | 5,941 | 11,460 | 43,090 |
| Connecticut | 20,017 | 464 | 8,064 | 27,617 |
| Delaware | 59,030 | - | 5,376 | 64,406 |
| District of Columbia | - | - | - | - |
| Florida | 173,604 | 2,906 | 159,996 | 330,694 |
| Georgia | 66,878 | 6,922 | 18,396 | 78,352 |
| Guam | 3,472 | - | - | 3,472 |
| Hawaii | 50,077 | 3,278 | 12,228 | 59,027 |
| Idaho | 35,756 | 4,476 | 7,368 | 38,648 |
| Illinois | 51,341 | - | - | 51,341 |
| Indiana | 134,260 | 16 | 32,196 | 166,440 |
| Iowa | 89,355 | - | 13,740 | 103,095 |
| Kansas | 43,226 | - | 8,304 | 51,530 |
| Kentucky | 31,613 | 4,276 | 15,624 | 42,961 |
| Louisiana | 12,820 | - | - | 12,820 |
| Maine | 27,996 | - | 12,744 | 40,740 |
| Maryland | 18,202 | 8,268 | 15,204 | 25,138 |
| Massachusetts | 38,512 | 12 | 21,936 | 60,436 |
| Michigan | 483,013 | 25,556 | 19,500 | 476,957 |
| Minnesota | 148,094 | 17,317 | 19,056 | 149,833 |
| Mississippi | 89,646 | 1,403 | 32,124 | 120,367 |
| Missouri | 56,208 | - | 51,864 | 108,072 |
| Montana | 32,744 | 595 | 5,340 | 37,489 |

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|----------------|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| Nebraska | 62,295 | 4,945 | 7,380 | 64,730 |
| Nevada | 59,366 | - | - | 59,366 |
| New Hampshire | 5,450 | 566 | 1,716 | 6,600 |
| New Jersey | 74,251 | - | 26,472 | 100,723 |
| New Mexico* | -1,868 | - | - | -1,868 |
| New York | 172,912 | 80,521 | 81,588 | 173,979 |
| North Carolina | 59,427 | - | 73,788 | 133,215 |
| North Dakota | 14,581 | 637 | 2,448 | 16,392 |
| Ohio | 240,103 | 40,433 | 68,676 | 268,346 |
| Oklahoma | 277,079 | 2,294 | 33,936 | 308,721 |
| Oregon | 84,422 | 9 | 23,508 | 107,921 |
| Pennsylvania | 133,281 | 31,118 | 49,452 | 151,615 |
| Rhode Island | 8,390 | 16 | - | 8,374 |
| South Carolina | 29,448 | 3 | 27,516 | 56,961 |
| South Dakota | 6,990 | - | 2,940 | 9,930 |
| Tennessee | 57,010 | 881 | 17,124 | 73,253 |
| Texas | 1,773,485 | 52,133 | 169,536 | 1,890,888 |
| Utah | 25,567 | 983 | 6,168 | 30,752 |
| Vermont | 9,681 | 389 | 5,352 | 14,644 |
| Virgin Islands | 3,948 | - | - | 3,948 |
| Virginia | 308,362 | 286 | 36,120 | 344,196 |
| Washington | 9,428 | 2,950 | 14,688 | 21,166 |
| West Virginia | 114,422 | 9 | 9,876 | 124,289 |
| Wisconsin | 74,460 | 64 | 27,732 | 102,128 |
| Wyoming | 29,682 | - | 2,280 | 31,962 |

**New Mexico overused 15 percent exemptions in the first and second quarters of FY 2009. The State has had waivers since that time and has not earned any exemptions since that time period. The State cannot use 15 percent exemptions until its negative balance is eliminated.*