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Food and  
Nutrition  
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**SUBJECT:** SNAP – Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Allocations of 15 Percent Exemptions for Able Bodied Adults without Dependents (ABAWDs) – Not Adjusted for Carryover

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**TO:** All Regional Directors  
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

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The Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (the Act), as amended, limits the time able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDs) may participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to 3 months in any 36-month period, unless an individual fulfills certain work requirements or is otherwise exempt from the time limit. However, the Act and SNAP regulations at 7 CFR 273.24 allocate a number of monthly exemptions to the ABAWD time limit for each fiscal year (FY), based on 15 percent of a State's projected ABAWD caseload.

This memorandum provides the estimated number of new 15 percent exemptions each State has earned for FY 2018. States that operated under a statewide waiver of the ABAWD time limit for the duration of FY 2017 did not earn any new exemptions. Once final FY 2017 data is available, the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) will issue another memorandum providing the total number of exemptions available to each State for FY 2018 based on caseload adjustments and the exemptions used in FY2017.

While States have great flexibility in applying exemptions, States must track and report the amount of exemptions used each month on a quarterly basis to their respective FNS regional office via the FNS-583 form. In addition, exemptions must be properly documented in case files prior to monthly Quality Control sample selections.

Please advise your State agencies of the number of new exemptions earned for FY 2018. If State agencies have any questions concerning this memorandum, please contact your respective FNS Regional Office representative. If Regional Office staff require any technical assistance, please contact Robert Ek at [Robert.Ek@fns.usda.gov](mailto:Robert.Ek@fns.usda.gov).

Sincerely,

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Attachment

<b>State</b>	<b>New 15% Monthly Exemptions Earned for FY 2018 (Does Not Include Adjustments or Carry Over)</b>
Alabama	49,080
Alaska	-
Arizona	26,076
Arkansas	20,628
California	-
Colorado	11,460
Connecticut	8,064
Delaware	5,376
Dist. of Col.	-
Florida	159,996
Georgia	18,396
Guam	-
Hawaii	12,228
Idaho	7,368
Illinois	-
Indiana	32,196
Iowa	13,740
Kansas	8,304
Kentucky	15,624
Louisiana	-
Maine	12,744
Maryland	15,204
Massachusetts	21,936
Michigan	19,500
Minnesota	19,056
Mississippi	32,124
Missouri	51,864
Montana	5,340
Nebraska	7,380
Nevada	-
New Hampshire	1,716
New Jersey	26,472
New Mexico	-
New York	81,588
North Carolina	73,788
North Dakota	2,448
Ohio	68,676
Oklahoma	33,936
Oregon	23,508
Pennsylvania	49,452

<b>State</b>	<b>FY 2018 New 15% Monthly Exemptions Earned for FY 2018 (Does Not Include Adjustments or Carry Over)</b>
Rhode Island	-
South Carolina	27,516
South Dakota	2,940
Tennessee	17,124
Texas	169,536
Utah	6,168
Vermont	5,352
Virginia	36,120
Virgin Islands	-
Washington	14,688
West Virginia	9,876
Wisconsin	27,732
Wyoming	2,280