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SECTION: Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD)

SUBJECT: Overview

REFERENCES: 7 CFR 273.24

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INTRODUCTION: A State can qualify for a 12-month statewide Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) waiver if the Department of Labor's Unemployment Insurance Service determines it meets the criteria for extended unemployment benefits. The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) can approve a waiver if the State's unemployment triggers the criteria for extended benefit compensation (EB), regardless of whether the State has elected the option to offer EB itself. States that meet the EB criteria can qualify for a 12-month statewide ABAWD waiver.

Montana is one of 46 States or geographic areas meeting this criterion. FNS approved a waiver to suspend ABAWD time limit provisions through September 30, 2012.

POLICY CHANGE: ABAWD time limit provisions are suspended through September 30, 2012.

Contact your Regional Policy Specialist if you have questions or concerns about this policy.