



SNAP 802-1 ABLE-BODIED ADULTS WITHOUT DEPENDENTS (ABAWD) Geographic Waiver

Supersedes: SNAP 802-1 (01/01/20)

Reference: 7 CFR 273.7, 7 CFR 273.24, Section 6(o) Food and Nutrition Act of 2008

Overview: On the request of the Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS), the Secretary of Agriculture may waive the Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) provision for any group of individuals. The Secretary determines if the area meets established labor market criteria to be eligible for the waiver. DPHHS is responsible to evaluate the status of each county and reservation annually to determine areas that have an insufficient number of jobs to provide employment to non-exempt individuals. DPHHS uses this information to request ABAWD waivers. The areas waived vary from year to year.

WAIVED COUNTIES 08/01/2021 through 12/31/2023:

- All counties except Missoula County, Lewis & Clark County, and Yellowstone County are exempt. (Portions of the Crow Reservation within Yellowstone County are exempt.)

WAIVED RESERVATIONS 08/01/2021 through 12/31/2023:

Individuals residing on all Montana reservations are exempt.

CASE NOTES:

Case notes must identify ABAWD individuals and if an ABAWD time-clock exemption is applicable.

Effective Date: August 1, 2021