SNAP 802-1 GEOGRAPHIC WAIVER

References:	7 CFR 273.7, 7 CFR 273.24, FS Act section 6 (D)(2)
Overview:	GENERAL RULE - 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. It will be the responsibility of DPHHS to annually evaluate the status of each county and reservation to determine areas that do not have a sufficient number of jobs to provide employment to non-exempt individuals. DPHHS will use this information to annually request ABAWD waivers. The areas to be waived from the provision will vary from year to year.
Policy:	**WAIVED COUNTIES 2016** The following 14 counties have been granted waiver of the ABAWD provision January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016: Glacier, Lincoln, Mineral, Sanders, Flathead, Tooele, Liberty, Big Horn, Treasure, Rosebud, Petroleum, Musselshell, Golden Valley, and Wheatland Counties. **WAIVED RESERVATIONS 2016** Individuals residing on the following 5 Indian Reservations have been granted a waiver of the ABAWD provision January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016: Blackfeet, Crow, Fort Belknap, Northern Cheyenne, and Rocky Boy
	PREVIOUSLY WAIVED COUNTIES AND RESERVATIONS FOR 2015 – NOT APPLICABLE FOR 2016 The following 15 counties and 6 reservations (1 is partial) were waived for 2015: Big Horn, Blaine, Flathead, Glacier, Golden Valley, Granite, Judith Basin, Lake, Liberty, Lincoln, Mineral, Musselshell, Petroleum, Sanders, Wheatland; Blackfeet Agency, Fort Belknap Agency, Rocky Boy's Agency, Crow Agency, Northern Cheyenne Agency, and the portion of Flathead Reservation that resides in Sanders County.
	CASE NOTES **All** counties must enter a case note when any adult in a SNAP household is an ABAWD and if an ABAWD time-clock exemption is applicable. The case note will be titled 'ABAWD'.
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