



SNAP 800 ABLE BODIED ADULTS WITHOUT DEPENDENTS: OVERVIEW

References:	7 CFR 273.7, 7 CFR 273.24, FS Act section 6 (D)(2)
Overview:	<u>GENERAL RULE</u> --The Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) provision limits the receipt of SNAP benefits to three initial months and up to three extended months in a 36 month period. Montana was granted a waiver from this limit in 14 counties and 5 reservations for one year based on labor market statistics (SNAP 802-1). In Yellowstone, Missoula and Lewis and Clark Counties ABAWDs without exemptions who enroll in SNAP Employment and Training (SNAP E&T) will not have time limits while participating in SNAP E&T.
Policy:	THREE-MONTH RULES The following rules apply to ABAWD time limits. <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Montana has determined its 36 month period to be a fixed period starting January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017.2. The initial three months do not need to be consecutive.3. The extended months must be consecutive, only apply in particular circumstances (SNAP 803-1), and can only be used once in any three year period.4. Prorated months do <u>not</u> count as an ABAWD month.5. Any month issued as an ABAWD month and <u>not verified</u> as not received will continue to be counted as an ABAWD month (e.g., an Electronic Benefit Transfer card is credited for a non-exempt participant, but is not used, would still count as an ABAWD month).6. Any month of participation in which an individual is exempt from ABAWD provisions due to either a personal exemption or a waiver provision does not count toward the individual's three month participation limit.7. Months in which an individual is disqualified for any reason are not counted as an ABAWD month for that individual.8. If a person becomes ABAWD exempt during an ABAWD month, the exemption takes effect the month following the month the exemption is reported. An exception is the month of the 50th birthday when the exemption begins the first of the month in which the participant turns 50 years of age.9. In a SNAP E&T County, individuals are exempt from time limits by attending SNAP E&T.10. In a SNAP E&T County, an individual who used all of their ABAWD months



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	<p>can regain eligibility by enrolling in SNAP E&T at reapplication. An individual who has exhausted ABAWD months is not considered eligible, however, until he/she has actually enrolled in SNAP E&T (803-1).</p> <p>11. When the ABAWD period has expired a timely notice of adverse action must be sent.</p>
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