



## SNAP 802-1

### ABLE-BODIES ADULTS WITHOUT DEPENDANTS (ABAWD)

### Geographic Waiver

**Supersedes:** SNAP 802-1 (01/01/18)

**Reference:** 7 CFR 273.7, 7 CFR 273.24, FS Act section 6 (D)(2)

**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 annual ABAWD waivers. The areas waived vary from year to year.

#### **WAIVED COUNTIES 2019:**

The following 33 counties have been granted waiver of the ABAWD provision January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019:

- **Big Horn,**
- **Blaine,**
- **Carbon,**
- **Carter,**
- **Choteau,**
- **Fergus,**
- **Flathead,**
- **Garfield,**
- **Glacier,**
- **Golden Valley,**
- **Granite,**
- **Hill,**
- **Judith Basin,**
- **Lake,**
- **Liberty,**

- Lincoln,
- Meagher,
- Mineral,
- Mussellshell,
- Petroleum,
- Phillips,
- Pondera,
- Powder,
- Powell,
- Prairie,
- Ravalli,
- Rosebud,
- Sanders,
- Teton,
- Toole,
- Treasure,
- Wheatland, and
- Wibaux.

**WAIVED RESERVATIONS 2018:**

Individuals residing on the following 6 Indian Reservations have been granted a waiver of the ABAWD provision January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019:

- Blackfeet,
- Crow,
- Fort Belknap,
- Fort Peck,
- Northern Cheyenne, and
- Rocky Boy.

**CASE NOTES:**

A case note must be entered when any adult in a SNAP household (in any county) is an ABAWD and if an ABAWD time-clock exemption is applicable.

**Effective Date:** January 1, 2019