



# OFFICE OF POLICY, PROCEDURES, AND TRAINING

## POLICY BULLETIN #23-55-ELI

### WAIVER OF THE ABLE-BODIED ADULTS WITHOUT DEPENDENTS (ABAWD) TIME LIMITS

*(This Policy Bulletin Replaces PB #23-11-ELI)*

<b>Date:</b> October 3, 2023	<b>Subtopic(s):</b> ABAWD
	<p>The purpose of this policy bulletin is to inform Benefits Access Center (BAC), HIV/AIDS Services Administration (HASA) and Non-Cash Assistance (NCA) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Center staff that the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) has obtained an extension of a statewide waiver of the Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) time limits through February 28, 2025.</p> <p>Prior to this new extension, New York State was approved for a statewide waiver through February 29, 2024.</p> <p>As a result of the statewide waiver, the Agency is not required to send the Important Information About SNAP Work Rules (General, Mandatory E&amp;T, and ABAWD) (<b>FIA-1250</b>) but is still required to send the Important Information About SNAP Work Rules (General and Mandatory E&amp;T) (<b>FIA-1251</b>) for households with individuals determined to be subject to the general SNAP work rules and/or the mandatory SNAP Employment and Training (E&amp;T) requirements.</p> <p>In addition, the Agency is not required to offer and provide an ABAWD qualifying work activity to those ABAWDs who were not independently meeting the ABAWD work requirements.</p> <p>Staff must continue to determine an individual’s SNAP employability status code and ABAWD Indicator code. All individuals who are determined to be ABAWDs must be assigned ABAWD Indicator Code <b>A</b> (ABAWD), while those who are not ABAWDs must be assigned ABAWD Indicator Code <b>N</b> (non-ABAWD). No individuals are to be assigned ABAWD Indicator Code <b>W</b> (Waived) at this time.</p> <p>Staff must also continue to read the General SNAP Work Requirements Script and the ABAWD Script as described in <a href="#">PB #20-05-OPE</a>.</p>

HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS PROCEDURE?  
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**References:**

GIS 23 DC067  
GIS 23 TA/DC014  
GIS 22 TA/DC074  
GIS 21 TA/DC049  
GIS 20 TA/DC082  
GIS 20 TA/DC021

**Related Item:**

[PB #20-05-OPE](#) Introduction to the Able-Bodied Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) Script and the General SNAP Work Requirements Script.