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ABAWD FOOD STAMP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

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<p> This procedure can now be accessed on the FIAweb.</p> <p>See PD #99-40R New Food Stamp Requirement (ABAWD)</p>	<p>The purpose of this policy bulletin is to provide clarification to all staff regarding the Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) rules and the associated sanction criteria.</p> <p>In order to receive food stamp (FS) benefits, the ABAWD individual must be involved in one of the following activities for at least 33 months out of the most recent 36-month period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work ("including "in-kind" work and volunteer work) for a total of at least 80 hours per month. There is no hourly wage requirement, but the work performed must not violate any state or federal minimum wage law;• Participating at least 80 hours monthly in a work program approved by the Human Resources Administration (HRA) (job search or job search training are not approved activities); or• Participating in an approved work program <u>and</u> work for a combined total of at least 80 hours monthly as described above. <p>If the individual is not engaged in one of the above activities, HRA has the obligation to offer the individual a Work Experience Program (WEP) assignment that will allow him/her to meet the ABAWD requirements and therefore remain eligible for FS.</p> <p>If the ABAWD individual refuses or fails to comply with a WEP assignment, an ABAWD sanction can be imposed.</p> <p>An ABAWD sanction cannot be imposed in any instance where HRA does not first offer the individual a WEP assignment.</p> <p><i>Effective immediately.</i></p>

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Department of Labor Employment Policy Manual §1300.3(d)