

February 27, 2008

SUBJECT: Final Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 Allocations of the 15 Percent Exemptions for Able- Bodied Adults without Dependents (ABAWDS) – Adjusted for Carryover

TO: All Regional Directors  
Food Stamp Program

Attached is the final list of 15 percent ABAWD exemptions available for each State for FY 2008. These figures have been adjusted to reflect the actual number of 15 percent exemptions used by States for FY 2007 as reported in their final FNS-583 reports. Because final data on participation for FY 2007 is not yet available, we will advise you in a separate memorandum if there are any States that qualify for an adjustment in the number of exemptions based on caseload growth.

Based on our calculations, five States [**Connecticut, Maine, Missouri, North Carolina and Utah**] used more exemptions than they were allotted in previous years. When we added their negative numbers from previous years to the calculated number of FY 2007 exemptions, the adjusted amounts were a negative number. Therefore, these States have **no** 15 percent exemptions available for FY 2008. Please remind those State agencies that they may not grant ABAWD exemptions in areas that are not exempt by an ABAWD waiver.

Please contact Larry Tropp on (703) 305-2504 if you have any questions.

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**FY 2008 ADJUSTED CASE-MONTH EXEMPTIONS BY STATE  
(Includes FY 2008 carryover)**

<b>State</b>	<b>New Exemptions for FY 2008 (annual)</b>	<b>Exemptions Carried Over from Prior Years</b>	<b>Total FY 2008 Total Exemptions (annual)</b>	<b>FY 2008 Average Monthly Exemptions (1/12 of annual exemptions)</b>
Alabama	25,981	8,358	34,339	2,862
Alaska	0	9,466	9,466	789
Arizona	13851	18,981	32,832	2,736
Arkansas	6891	66,207	73,098	6,092
California	74410	803,545	877,955	73,163
Colorado	5603	11,650	17,253	1,438
Connecticut	15968	-26,873	-10,905	-909
Delaware	2407	17,559	19,966	1,664
Dist. of Col.	0	0	0	0
Florida	46635	83,454	130,089	10,841
Georgia	18898	28,498	47,396	3,950
Guam	292	2,368	2,660	222
Hawaii	2160	22,612	24,772	2,064
Idaho	3613	20,556	24,169	2,014
Illinois	15577	1,303	16,880	1,407
Indiana	14680	115,721	130,401	10,867
Iowa	8731	27,361	36,092	3,008
Kansas	3841	6,278	10,119	843
Kentucky	16204	25,980	42,184	3,515
Louisiana	0	10,411	10,411	868
Maine	6842	-77,187	-70,345	-5,862
Maryland	7224	15,937	23,161	1,930
Massachusetts	18551	-624	17,927	1,494
Michigan	0	493,013	493,013	41,084
Minnesota	10423	65,166	75,589	6,299
Mississippi	0	54,807	54,807	4,567
Missouri	24894	-70,723	-45,829	-3,819
Montana	3993	14,969	18,962	1,580
Nebraska	5027	16,980	22,007	1,834
Nevada	7841	42,690	50,531	4,211
New Hampshire	1074	882	1,956	163
New Jersey	6755	68,575	75,330	6,277
New Mexico	3730	1,540	5,270	439
New York	66877	295,633	362,510	30,209
North Carolina	7074	-19,223	-12,149	-1,012
North Dakota	2010	10,686	12,696	1,058
Ohio	15967	370,957	386,924	32,244
Oklahoma	19848	176,787	196,635	16,386
Oregon	0	60,688	60,688	5,057
Pennsylvania	47674	38,290	85,964	7,164
Rhode Island	2874	3,201	6,075	506
South Carolina	0	0	0	0

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South Dakota	1624	6,056	7,680	640
Tennessee	11217	39,432	50,649	4,221
Texas	105648	664,856	770,504	64,209
Utah	3484	-5,219	-1,735	-145
Vermont	3646	29,372	33,018	2,752
Virginia	25948	200,411	226,359	18,863
Virgin Islands	316	3,632	3,948	329
Washington	9216	5,953	15,169	1,264
West Virginia	14730	79,539	94,269	7,856
Wisconsin	7617	70,689	78,306	6,526
Wyoming	1560	17,053	18,613	1,551