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Summary

The statewide suspension of Basic Food work requirements and eligibility time limits for able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWD) individuals has been extended through at least September 30, 2012. The current ABAWD waiver was due to expire September 30, 2011. Updates to WAC and EAZ Manual sections have been completed to reflect the new waiver expiration date.

Washington State received notification earlier this year from the USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) it is one of forty-six states that met criteria for extended unemployment benefits as determined by the U.S. Department of Labor's Unemployment Insurance Service. As a result, non-exempt ABAWD Basic Food recipients can continue to receive benefits after three months without meeting work requirements if they are otherwise eligible.
