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**Online Guide Transmittal 2017-11
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To: Department of Transitional Assistance Staff

From:  Sarah Stuart, Associate Commissioner for Program and Policy Implementation

Re:  Paul Sutliff, Assistant Commissioner for Field Operations

Re: SNAP: ABAWD Work Program Requirement 2017 Waived Areas

Overview

The statewide waiver that temporarily suspended the ABAWD Work Program Requirement expired on December 31, 2015.

Certain clients continue to be exempted from the ABAWD Work Program (WP) requirement because they reside in areas of the state that have unemployment rates of over 10 percent or that do not have a sufficient number of jobs to provide employment for the individuals residing there.

Purpose

The purpose of this transmittal is to advise staff that:

- DTA's request to exempt able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDs) in 4 counties, 2 New England City and Town Areas (NECTAs), 55 towns and cities and 1 reservation from the ABAWD Work Program requirement was approved for the period of 1/1/17-12/31/17;
- most areas that qualified for this waiver in 2016 continue to be waived through 2017; and

**Purpose
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- the current list of waived areas is posted on the ABAWD Work Program splash page on Policy Online, and the DTA website.
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Topic: SNAP
Book: Work Requirements
Chapter: ABAWD Work Program Requirement
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Questions

If you have any policy or procedural questions, after conferring with the appropriate TAO personnel, please have your Systems Information Specialists or TAO management email the DTA Mailbox.

Systems issues should be directed to the Systems Support Help Desk.
