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## Local Commissioners Memorandum

### Section 1

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<b>Attachments:</b>	<a href="#">Attachment 1: SNAP E&amp;T FFY 2018 Adjusted ABAWD Allocations</a>
<b>Attachment Available Online:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Section 2

#### I. Purpose

The purpose of this Local Commissioners Memorandum (LCM) is to provide an update to the 100% allocation of ABAWD Pledge funds in FFY 2018 for districts that do not have a full county based ABAWD waiver. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) approved additional ABAWD waivers beginning March 1, 2018, which required a redistribution of ABAWD Pledge funds.

#### II. Background

New York State receives annual allocations from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to support the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training (SNAP E&T) administration which includes an ABAWD Pledge fund allocation. Allocations to districts were previously released in [18-LCM-05](#). The ABAWD Pledge funds are available to districts that do not have a federally approved full county ABAWD waiver or who have declined an ABAWD waiver for calendar year 2018.

The ABAWD Pledge funds are 100% federal funds and are distributed based on the estimated percentage of ABAWDs residing in non-waived areas of each district as compared to the total estimated number of ABAWDs residing in non-waived areas statewide. These funds are also subject to the availability of federal ABAWD Pledge funds and are to be used to help offset costs that districts incur to offer and provide qualifying work activities and to monitor compliance with

ABAWD requirements during FFY 2018. There are two districts in New York State that had their ABAWD waiver status updated as of March 1, 2018. The updated waiver status resulted in a re-distribution of ABAWD Pledge funds. Attachment 1 provides the updated ABAWD Pledge fund amounts for districts.

### **III. Program Implications**

For eligible services/costs associated with ABAWD Pledge funds, including claiming instructions, please refer to [18-LCM-05](#).

Districts are required to evaluate the ABAWD status of each individual applying for or receiving SNAP benefits, including those individuals who are concurrently applying for or receiving Temporary Assistance (TA). Districts enter the ABAWD status codes on WMS or myWorkspace (myWorkspace is only available to districts outside of New York City).

The ABAWD status of each individual should also be reviewed at recertification and any time the ABAWD status may change. The criteria for assigning ABAWD status is outlined in 18 NYCRR §385.3.

All districts, including those that have a federally approved waiver of ABAWD work requirements, must record each SNAP applicant or recipient's ABAWD status on WMS or myWorkspace.

Districts are required to provide an ABAWD qualifying activity when requested by an ABAWD to maintain or re-establish eligibility for SNAP benefits, as described in Section 385.3 of the Temporary Assistance and SNAP Employment Policy Manual. If additional districts become eligible for a full county ABAWD waiver during the calendar year, remaining ABAWD Pledge funds may be re-distributed to non-waived districts based on the formula described above.

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