



# Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance

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## Informational Letter

### Section 1

<b>Transmittal:</b>	16-INF-09
<b>To:</b>	Local District Commissioners
<b>Issuing Division/Office:</b>	Center for Employment and Economic Supports
<b>Date:</b>	June 2, 2016
<b>Subject:</b>	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program-Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) Questions and Answers
<b>Suggested Distribution:</b>	Employment Coordinators Temporary Assistance Directors SNAP Directors Staff Development Coordinators
<b>Contact Person(s):</b>	OTDA Employment Services Advisor or Employment and Advancement Services for questions regarding ABAWD requirements: (518)486-6106 SNAP Bureau for questions regarding SNAP reporting and eligibility requirements: 1-800-343-8859, ext. 3-1469
<b>Attachments:</b>	<a href="#">ABAWD related Qs and As</a> <a href="#">Refugee letter for ABAWDs</a> <a href="#">Sample WIOA Job Search Log</a>
<b>Attachment Available Online:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Filing References

Previous ADMs/INFs	Releases Cancelled	Dept. Regs.	Soc. Serv. Law & Other Legal Ref.	Manual Ref.	Misc. Ref.
15 INF-11		385.3		TA and SNAP Employment Policy Manual Section 385.3, Section 385.16	7 CFR 273.24

## Section 2

### I. Purpose

The purpose of this information letter (INF) is to provide social services districts (districts) with the most recent set of questions and answers on requirements for Able Bodied Adults without Dependents (ABAWDs).

### II. Background

Federal statute and regulations limit Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) eligibility for individuals who have been determined to be an ABAWD to no more than three months in a 36 month period, unless the individual:

- Is meeting ABAWD requirements each month;
- Resides in an area with an approved ABAWD waiver;
- Is determined to be exempt from ABAWD requirements; or,
- Is granted an ABAWD exclusion, consistent with the district's local ABAWD exclusion policy, from ABAWD requirements for the month.

This INF provides information in response to questions from social services districts as districts implement and monitor compliance with ABAWD requirements.

### III. Program Implications

The information provided through these questions and answers should be provided to staff that are responsible for conducting SNAP employability and ABAWD status determinations as well as those implementing and monitoring compliance with ABAWD requirements.

Questions regarding ABAWD requirements should be directed to your Employment Services Advisor, and questions regarding SNAP reporting and eligibility requirements should be directed to the SNAP Bureau.

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