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**SUGGESTED DISTRIBUTION:** Commissioner, Employment Coordinators, Temporary Assistance Directors, SNAP Directors and Staff Development Coordinators

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Center for Employment and Economic Supports

**SUBJECT:** Extending Deadline for Entering ABAWD Override Transactions Associated with an ABAWD Exclusion for the First Quarter of Calendar Year 2016

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Immediately

**CONTACT PERSON:** Employment Services Advisor or Employment and Advancement Services Bureau at 518-486-6106

The purpose of this general information system (GIS) message is to inform social services districts (districts) that the May 27, 2016, deadline for processing ABAWD override transactions associated with an ABAWD exclusion for the first quarter of calendar year 2016 is being extended. Districts were previously notified of this deadline in GIS 16 TA/DC 028.

OTDA is extending the timeframe for processing override transactions related to the use of ABAWD exclusions during the first quarter of calendar year 2016 for one additional week at this time.

As a reminder, districts must ensure that an "add" override transaction is completed in those instances where the district has processed a "delete" transaction to remove a calendar month from an individual's ABAWD counter because the district had granted an ABAWD exclusion for that calendar month. A separate override transaction for each calendar month that an ABAWD exclusion was granted by the district, but not reported to OTDA (an ABAWD indicator of "X" was not entered on WMS during the calendar month) must be processed to ensure that the number of ABAWD exclusions used are accurately reported to United States Department of Agriculture. Districts should refer to GIS 16 TA/DC 028 for additional information regarding the ABAWD override process and for other examples of when an "add" override transaction may need to be entered to update an individual's ABAWD tracking history.

Questions regarding the ABAWD override process should be directed to the district's Employment Services Advisor.