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TO: Subscribers

SUGGESTED DISTRIBUTION: Commissioners, TA Directors, SNAP Directors,
Employment Coordinators, Staff Development Coordinators

FROM: Jeffrey Gaskell, Deputy Commissioner
Employment and Income Support Programs

SUBJECT: Release of Revised LDSS-5072 “Informational Letter Regarding Able Bodied
Adult Without Dependents (ABAWD) Requirements” and LDSS-5127 “ABAWD
Work Activity Letter”

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

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The purpose of this message is to inform social services districts (districts) that the [LDSS-5072](#) “Informational Letter Regarding Able Bodied Adult Without Dependents (ABAWD) Requirements” and the [LDSS-5127](#) “ABAWD Work Activity Letter” have been revised (Rev. 1/20).

The revisions to the LDSS-5072 “Information Letter Regarding ABAWD Requirements” include the following:

- Under the heading, “What is an ABAWD required to do?” the list of ABAWD qualifying work activities was revised to add participation in an employment and training program for veterans operated by the Department of Labor or the Department of Veteran’s Affairs as an ABAWD qualifying work program.
- Under the heading, “Do you think any of the adults in your SNAP household are exempt from ABAWD requirements?” the language in the sixth bullet was changed from “determined to be unable to work due to substance abuse” to “a regular participant in an alcohol or drug treatment program”. Additionally, the language in the eighth bullet was revised to include receipt of “workers compensation”.

The LDSS-5127 “ABAWD Work Activity Letter” was revised to add participation in an employment and training program for veterans operated by the Department of Labor or the Department of Veteran’s Affairs as an ABAWD qualifying work program.

Forms Ordering Information

- The revised English version of the LDSS-5072: “*Informational Letter Regarding Able-Bodied Adult Without Dependents (ABAWD) Requirements*” and the LDSS-5127: “*Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) Work Activity Letter*” are Web Only forms. These forms are also available on the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA)

Intranet website in the following languages: Arabic, Bengali, Chinese, Haitian-Creole, Korean, Russian and Spanish.

- To access the English and other than English languages go to the OTDA Intranet website at: http://otda.state.ny.net/ldss_eforms/default.htm.
- The above referenced documents have been posted on the OTDA Intranet website at http://otda.state.ny.net/ldss_eforms/default.htm and are available for downloading by local districts for reproduction locally.
- Upon the release of this GIS all previous versions, including other than English languages of the “*Informational Letter Regarding Able-Bodied Adult Without Dependents (ABAWD) Requirements*” and the “*Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) Work Activity Letter*” **must immediately be destroyed** and replaced with the revised 1/20 versions.
- These documents are Web posted only forms, therefore, they are only available online and are not available in hard copy from OTDA.

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- Questions concerning Web posted only forms should be directed to BMS Document Services at (518) 474-9522.
- Any previously approved Local Equivalent of these forms should be resubmitted, reflecting the current updates, to the mailing address below for review and approval.
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