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To: Department of Transitional Assistance Staff
From: Sarah Stuart, Associate Commissioner for Change Management
Re: SNAP: ABAWD Work Rules Waived Areas

Overview

Certain clients are exempt from the Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) Work Rules because they reside in waived areas.

Between January 1, 2020 and March 31, 2020, there will be additional waived areas.

As always, when speaking with a client, it is always a great opportunity to refer SNAP-only clients to SNAP Path to Work programs and their local MassHire Career Center.

Purpose

The purpose of this Online Guide Transmittal is to advise staff of changes to the Online Guide and List of Waived Areas regarding ABAWD Work Rules.

**Revised Online
Guide Pages**

Topic: SNAP
Book: Work Requirements
Chapter: ABAWD Work Rules
Page: Waived Areas (formerly “ABAWD Work Program – Waived Areas”)

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 them to DTA.Procedural Issues.

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