January 4, 2016

Dear County Director of Social Services:

Attention: Food and Nutrition Services Managers and Supervisors

Re: Abled-Bodied Adults without Dependents (ABAWD) Q&A and ABAWD Checklist

The purpose of this letter is to provide additional tools to assist in clarifying ABAWD policy as well as identifying ABAWDs and potential ABAWD exemptions.

The ABAWD Frequently Asked Questions (Q&A) is a response to questions submitted by the counties requesting clarification on issues such as:

- Certification periods;
- Notice of Adverse Action;
- ABAWD Work Requirement and Hours;
- Students.

The Q&A will be updated and reposted as needed.

The ABAWD Checklist is a tool designed to assist with the determination of ABAWD status and countable months. This tool is NOT intended to be utilized as a mandated ABAWD assessment document. It is suggested that the tool be utilized for training purposes and as a guide for assessment.

Note: The Checklist also includes the newest ABAWD exemptions: Chronic Homelessness and Unfit for work due to Alcohol and Drug addiction.
If you have any questions, please contact the Operational Support Team via email at ost.policy.questions@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Attachments (2):
ABAWD Q&A
ABAWD Checklist

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