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**TO: DIRECTORS, LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES
DEPUTY/ASSISTANT DIRECTORS FOR FAMILY INVESTMENT
FAMILY INVESTMENT SUPERVISORS AND ELIGIBILITY STAFF**

FROM: KEVIN M. MCGUIRE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**RE: WAIVER OF ABLE-BODIED ADULTS WITHOUT DEPENDENTS
REQUIREMENTS**

PROGRAM AFFECTED: FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

ORIGINATING OFFICE: OFFICE OF POLICY, RESEARCH AND SYSTEMS

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) notified us about which counties are exempt from the special work requirements for able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDS). There is no change in the exempt counties for the period of April 1, 2003 through March 31, 2004.

Reminder: The exempt counties are Cecil, Allegany, Dorchester, Garrett, Somerset, Worcester, and Baltimore City.

ABAWDS who live in these jurisdictions are not:

- Subject to the three-month time limit on food stamp eligibility, and
- Do not have to meet the ABAWD work requirements in order to receive food stamps.

See Section 130 of the Food Stamp Manual for the complete policy for work requirements.

INQUIRIES

Please direct food stamp questions to Kay Finegan at 410-767-7939 or Marilyn Lorenzo at 410-767-7333.

cc: FIA Management Staff Constituent Services
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