

**NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA
Date: August 30, 2019**

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TO: County Social Service Directors
Economic Assistance Policy Regional Representatives
Economic Assistance Policy Quality Control Reviewers

FROM: Michele Gee, Director, Economic Assistance

SUBJECT: Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) Waiver

PROGRAMS: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

EFFECTIVE: October 1, 2019

**SECTIONS
AFFECTED:** **430-05-40-50-10 Waivers**

Effective October 1, 2019, there is a waiver to exempt Benson, Bottineau, Eddy, Emmons, Kidder, McHenry, Nelson, Pierce, Rolette, Sheridan, Sioux and Wells Counties from the able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWD) provisions.

TECS will default the code on ABRE to "EX" for all individuals living in Benson, Bottineau, Eddy, Emmons, Kidder, McHenry, Nelson, Pierce, Rolette, Sheridan, Sioux and Wells Counties. An informational edit will appear on the ABRE screen "County exempt from ABAWDS requirement" and it will not allow the entry of any coding on this screen.

SPACES will determine the exemption for ABAWD based on the county residence of the individual.

Individuals initially applying in Benson, Bottineau, Eddy, Emmons, Kidder, McHenry, Nelson, Pierce, Rolette, Sheridan, Sioux and Wells Counties on October 1, 2019 or later are exempt from the ABAWD provisions.

Effective October 1, 2019, Foster, McLean, Mercer, and Oliver will be exempt from the ABAWD provisions using the State's exemption criteria allowed by federal regulation.

For TECS, the "SP" code must be used, if they are not otherwise exempt. It is very important to use the "SP" code for only those individuals who are not exempt for another reason such as pregnant (PG) or working 20 hours per week (HR) as we are required to report the total number of "SP" exemptions used on a quarterly basis.

SPACES will determine the state exemption individuals based on county residence.

If you have questions, please contact your Regional Representative.