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FROM: KEVIN M. MCGUIRE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FIA

RE: EXTENSION OF SUSPENDED TIME LIMITS FOR ABLE-BODIED ADULTS WITHOUT DEPENDENTS

PROGRAMS AFFECTED: FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM

ORIGINATING OFFICE: OFFICE OF PROGRAMS

SUMMARY:

On February 17, 2009, the President signed into law the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. One provision of the law eliminated the special work requirement for able bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDs). FIA issued AT #09-29 to implement this provision effective April 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010.

POLICY UPDATE:

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has provided further guidance that Maryland is one of 49 states that qualifies to suspend the time limit on ABAWDs for an additional 12 months statewide. Maryland has adopted this continued waiver, and notified FNS. Suspension of the 3-month time limit for ABAWDs is extended until September 30, 2011.

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