

Department of Human Resources 311 West Saratoga Street Baltimore MD 21201	<b>Family Investment Administration</b> <b>ACTION TRANSMITTAL</b>
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**TO: DIRECTORS, LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
DEPUTY/ASSISTANT DIRECTORS FOR FAMILY INVESTMENT  
FAMILY INVESTMENT SUPERVISORS AND ELIGIBILITY STAFF**

**FROM: ROSEMARY MALONE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**RE: EXTENSION OF SUSPENDED TIME LIMITS FOR ABLE-BODIED  
ADULTS WITHOUT DEPENDENTS (ABAWD)**

**PROGRAM AFFECTED: FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM (FSP)**

**ORIGINATING OFFICE: OFFICE OF PROGRAMS**

**SUMMARY:**

Last year, Maryland suspended time limits for the able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWD) population through September 2012. The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) provided further guidance that Maryland is one of 46 states that qualify to suspend the ABAWD time limits for an additional 12 months. Maryland adopted the waiver and notified FNS. Therefore, the suspension of the 3-month time limit remains in effect through September 30, 2013.

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