

CHANGE NOTICE FOR MANUAL

DATE: June 2, 2016
MANUAL: Food and Nutrition Services Certification Manual
TO: County Directors of Social Services
CHANGE NO: 2-2016

SUBJECT: ABAWD Policy Clarifications

EFFECTIVE: Upon Receipt

I. BACKGROUND

The purpose of this change notice is to make clarifications to the Able-Bodied Adults without Dependents (ABAWDs) section of the Food and Nutrition Services Certification Manual.

II. SPECIFIC CHANGES

Section 245, Able-Bodied Adults without Dependents (ABAWDs)

(1) 245.00

Renamed the title and added, ABAWD, Employment & Training, and Work Registration policies are related to each other they are each stand-alone policies and must be applied individually.

(2) 245.01

Renamed title and added clarification to who is exempt from ABAWD requirements and time-limits.

Added Social Security or Veterans Benefits (regardless of VA disability percentage) are exempt.

(3) 245.02

Renamed title and added clarification to determining countable months.

Added clarification to ABAWD time limits and overpayments. Added, If a non-exempt ABAWD receives more than 3 countable months explore referral for overpayment and do not explore overpayments for non-countable months or months that the individual is exempt from ABAWD requirements.

(4) 245.03

Renamed title and added clarification to countable months/non countable months.

Added a chart identifying the qualifying ABAWD activities.

Added, Request verification of income and hours worked and Include income in FNS budget and document the number of hours worked in NC FAST.

Added, approve and accept legitimate public/private nonprofits, churches, community organizations and governmental agencies as volunteer sites to enable the ABAWD to fulfill the work requirement.

(5) 245.04

Added clarification to regaining eligibility (bonus months), and effective date of eligibility.

(6) 245.05

Added manual section to clarify the procedures for Application / Reapplication / Recertification / Changes.

(7) 245.06

Added manual section number and added NC FAST will track ABAWDs that move from another county or state.

III. IMPLEMENTATION INSTRUCTIONS

These changes are effective with all applications, changes, and recertifications upon receipt.

If you have any Food and Nutrition Services policy questions, contact the Operational Support Team via email at ost.policy.questions@dhhs.nc.gov

Sincerely,



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