

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, California 95814



January 28, 2003

ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-05-03

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY FOOD STAMP COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: 15 PERCENT ABLE-BODIED ADULT WITHOUT DEPENDENTS
(ABAWD) EXEMPTION ALLOCATION FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR
(FFY) 2003 AND CRITERIA FOR USE OF THE EXEMPTION

REFERENCE: ACL 00-41

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- State Law Change
- Federal Law or Regulation Change
- Court Order or Settlement Agreement
- Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- Initiated by CDSS

The purpose of this notice is to provide counties with revised average monthly figures for the 15 percent ABAWD food stamp work requirement exemptions for FFY 2003. As provided under the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, states may exempt up to 15 percent of their nonexempt ABAWD population if individuals are at risk of losing their eligibility to food stamps due to not meeting the ABAWD work requirement. To the maximum extent possible, counties are encouraged to utilize the 15 percent exemptions available for their ABAWD populations. Maintaining food stamp eligibility for ABAWDs will help to ease potential financial strain on local food banks and other local charitable organizations.

As shown on Attachment I, California currently has 7,635 average monthly exemptions that can be used between January 1, 2003, and September 30, 2003, (i.e., a total annual allocation of 68,715 exemption months). Please note that California has the highest allocation of 15 percent ABAWD exemptions in the nation – see Attachment II.

The allotment of 15 percent ABAWD exemptions for each county is based on its share of the statewide non-assistance food stamp caseload for calendar year 2001. Attachment I displays the county-by-county allocation of average monthly ABAWD exemptions for FFY 2003. Each county has the flexibility to determine the most efficient and effective manner for use of its exemptions. The county can vary the number of exemptions utilized from month to month, as needed. For example, a county that receives an annual allocation of 1,200 exemption months for the federal fiscal year may choose to spread them out evenly over the 12-month period, reserve them for months in which high unemployment is expected, or a variation of the two methodologies to achieve maximum benefit for their ABAWD population.

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Annual usage of the 15 percent ABAWD exemptions is measured on a statewide basis and reported on the STAT 46 (Food Stamp Employment and Training Program, Quarterly ABAWDs Statistical and Expenditure Report). Thus, under- or over-utilization of the exemptions by individual counties could potentially balance out statewide. Moreover, if the total number of exemptions used by the counties exceed the State's annual allocation, the only consequence would be that the excess usage is offset against the State's exemption allocation in the next federal fiscal year. There is no financial penalty to the State or the counties for under- or over-utilizing the 15 percent exemption.

Food Stamp Sanctions and the 15 Percent Exemption

As a reminder, regulations at MPP Sections 63-410.53 and 63-407.53 specify that when an individual receives a food stamp sanction for voluntarily quitting a job or failing to comply with an FSET assignment, the individual may not reestablish eligibility until the sanction is cured, or he qualifies for one of the food stamp work registration exemptions at MPP Section 63-407.21. This means that the 15 percent exemption cannot be granted until the sanction is cured.

If you have any questions regarding the exemption allocations described in this notice, please contact Tony Pyara by telephone at (916) 657-2630 or by e-mail at tony.pyara@dss.ca.gov.

For questions regarding the completion of the STAT 46 (Food Stamp and Training Program Quarterly ABAWDs Statistical and Expenditure Report), please call Juliet Mende at (916) 654-1563.

Sincerely,

***Original Document Signed By
Charr Lee Metsker on 1/28/03***

CHARR LEE METSKER, Chief
Employment and Eligibility Branch

Attachments

c: CWDA
CSAC

**FFY 2003 ALLOCATION OF 15 % EXEMPTIONS FOR
ABLE-BODIED ADULTS WITHOUT DEPENDENTS**

ATTACHMENT I

COUNTIES	NAFS Caseload CY 2001	% to Total	Additional 15% ABAWD Exemptions 7,635
ALAMEDA	103,257	0.023366	178
ALPINE	217	0.000049	1
AMADOR	3,315	0.000750	6
BUTTE	51,515	0.011657	89
CALAVERAS	6,563	0.001485	11
COLUSA	4,411	0.000998	8
CONTRA COSTA	49,216	0.011137	85
DEL NORTE	12,267	0.002776	21
EL DORADO	15,220	0.003444	26
FRESNO	177,962	0.040270	307
GLENN	7,056	0.001597	12
HUMBOLDT	38,134	0.008629	66
IMPERIAL	56,301	0.012740	97
INYO	3,917	0.000886	7
KERN	159,628	0.036122	276
KINGS	35,510	0.008035	61
LAKE	15,524	0.003513	27
LASSEN	5,345	0.001209	9
LOS ANGELES	1,802,137	0.407798	3,114
MADERA	40,000	0.009051	69
MARIN	14,836	0.003357	26
MARIPOSA	3,175	0.000718	5
MENDOCINO	22,074	0.004995	38
MERCED	40,385	0.009139	70
MODOC	2,725	0.000617	5
MONO	1,407	0.000318	2
MONTEREY	55,738	0.012613	96
NAPA	8,546	0.001934	15
NEVADA	7,304	0.001653	13
ORANGE	154,253	0.034905	267
PLACER	11,279	0.002552	19
PLUMAS	2,808	0.000635	5
RIVERSIDE	115,659	0.026172	200
SACRAMENTO	170,996	0.038694	295
SAN BENITO	5,914	0.001338	10
SAN BERNARDINO	240,444	0.054409	415
SAN DIEGO	160,178	0.036246	277
SAN FRANCISCO	140,368	0.031763	243
SAN JOAQUIN	100,493	0.022740	174
SAN LUIS OBISPO	18,076	0.004090	31
SAN MATEO	14,374	0.003253	25
SANTA BARBARA	34,181	0.007735	59
SANTA CLARA	90,461	0.020470	156
SANTA CRUZ	20,293	0.004592	35
SHASTA	43,882	0.009930	76
SIERRA	432	0.000098	1
SISKIYOU	11,779	0.002665	20
SOLANO	23,180	0.005245	40
SONOMA	24,529	0.005551	42
STANISLAUS	57,280	0.012962	99
SUTTER	15,523	0.003513	27
TEHAMA	16,047	0.003631	28
TRINITY	3,837	0.000868	7
TULARE	92,164	0.020855	159
TUOLUMNE	8,408	0.001903	15
VENTURA	60,808	0.013760	105
YOLO	16,843	0.003811	29
YUBA	21,019	0.004756	36
TOTAL	4,419,193	1.000000	7,635



United States Department of Agriculture
Food and Nutrition Service

Western Region

Reply to
Attn of: FSP- Administrative Notice 03-07 December 10, 2002 FS-2-GEN

Subject: Fiscal Year (FY) 2003 Allocations of 15% Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents
To: (ABAWDS) Allotments by State

ALL WESTERN REGION FOOD STAMP PROGRAM COORDINATORS
ALL WESTERN REGION FOOD STAMP EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING
COORDINATORS

Attached for your information is a spreadsheet showing the national FY 2003 15 percent
ABAWDS allocations.

If you have any questions, please contact your State Desk Team.

/signed/
DONNA CLIFTON, Policy Officer
Food Stamp Program
Western Region

Attachment

cc: Debi O'Leary, FM, WRO
Tony Sommer, FM, WRO

Allowable per Case-Month Exemptions by State (w/3-month Time Limit on the Exemptions)

State	Original Allocation			If implemented as of 10/1/2002		If implemented as of 1/1/2003		If implemented as of 4/1/2003	
	Case-mos Allowed*	Persons Exempted**	Case-mos Allowed*	Persons Exempted**	Case-mos Allowed*	Persons Exempted**	Case-mos Allowed*	Persons Exempted**	
Alabama	1,945	1379	1944.905	1379	2593	1839	3889.809	2759	
Alaska	117	83	116.9617	83	156	111	233.9234	166	
Arizona	898	637	898.0852	637	1197	849	1796.17	1274	
Arkansas	780	553	780.1696	553	1040	738	1560.339	1107	
California	8,074	5726	8073.939	5726	10765	7635	16147.88	11452	
Colorado	401	284	400.9425	284	535	379	801.8851	569	
Connecticut	444	315	443.5347	315	591	419	887.0695	629	
Delaware	114	81	114.1327	81	152	108	228.2655	162	
Dist. of Col.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Florida	2,217	1573	2217.429	1573	2957	2097	4434.859	3145	
Georgia	2,061	1462	2061.315	1462	2748	1949	4122.63	2924	
Guam	23	16	22.54386	16	30	21	45.08772	32	
Hawaii	394	280	394.2223	280	526	373	788.4445	559	
Idaho	261	185	260.5766	185	347	246	521.1532	370	
Illinois	2,743	1945	2742.752	1945	3657	2594	5485.503	3890	
Indiana	1,429	1014	1429.483	1014	1906	1352	2858.966	2028	
Iowa	436	309	435.5441	309	581	412	871.0883	618	
Kansas	397	281	396.6871	281	529	375	793.3743	563	
Kentucky	1,489	1056	1488.876	1056	1985	1408	2977.752	2112	
Louisiana	1,356	962	1355.883	962	1808	1282	2711.766	1923	
Maine	424	301	424.302	301	566	401	848.6039	602	
Maryland	352	250	351.9725	250	469	333	703.9451	499	
Massachusetts	829	588	829.4877	588	1106	784	1658.975	1177	
Michigan	5,822	4129	5821.636	4129	7762	5505	11643.27	8258	
Minnesota	745	528	744.5632	528	993	704	1489.126	1056	
Mississippi	1,637	1161	1636.993	1161	2183	1548	3273.986	2322	
Missouri	1,940	1376	1940.472	1376	2587	1835	3880.944	2752	
Montana	271	192	271.2824	192	362	257	542.5648	385	
Nebraska	307	218	307.4234	218	410	291	614.8468	436	
Nevada	488	346	487.7395	346	650	461	975.4789	692	
New Hampshire	58	41	58.39924	41	78	55	116.7985	83	

New Jersey	641	455	641.253	455	855	606	1282.506	910
New Mexico	265	188	265.1461	188	354	251	530.2921	376
New York	4,873	3456	4872.757	3456	6497	4608	9745.514	6912
North Carolina	2,410	1709	2409.774	1709	3213	2279	4819.548	3418
North Dakota	152	108	152.203	108	203	144	304.406	216
Ohio	2,912	2065	2911.777	2065	3882	2753	5823.553	4130
Oklahoma	1,405	997	1405.129	997	1874	1329	2810.258	1993
Oregon	2,257	1600	2256.629	1600	3009	2134	4513.259	3201
Pennsylvania	1,532	1087	1532.486	1087	2043	1449	3064.973	2174
Rhode Island	98	70	98.35351	70	131	93	196.707	140
South Carolina	765	543	765.0438	543	1020	723	1530.088	1085
South Dakota	112	80	112.2518	80	150	106	224.5035	159
Tennessee	2,589	1836	2588.989	1836	3452	2448	5177.978	3672
Texas	4,382	3108	4381.796	3108	5842	4144	8763.592	6215
Utah	215	153	215.4793	153	287	204	430.9585	306
Vermont	254	180	254.112	180	339	240	508.224	360
Virginia	1,697	1203	1696.554	1203	2262	1604	3393.108	2406
Virgin Islands	26	19	26.23336	19	35	25	52.46672	37
Washington	943	669	942.9121	669	1257	892	1885.824	1337
West Virginia	720	511	720.0384	511	960	681	1440.077	1021
Wisconsin	846	600	845.6434	600	1128	800	1691.287	1199
Wyoming	133	94	132.7704	94	177	126	265.5408	188

* Average monthly case-months allowed.

** Assumes the dynamic of a typical ABAWD FSP recipient remaining on program for 1.41 months with a 3 month time limit.

96 CWEP Adj. does not take into account states providing work opportunities through the E&T program