

CHANGE NOTICE FOR MANUAL

MANUAL: Food Stamp Certification Manual

CHANGE NO: 8-2003 DATE: March 24, 2003

TO: County Directors of Social Services

EFFECTIVE April 1, 2003, make the following changes to the Food Stamp Certification Manual.

I. BACKGROUND

The changes in Section 243, Voluntary Quit, are a result of clarifications provided by USDA. The number of hours for determining if an individual may be subject to voluntary quit is increasing from 20 to 30 hours. This change aligns with the 30 hour requirement associated with reduction in work effort as well as the number of hours required to exempt an employed individual from Food Stamp work requirements.

The requirement to use numerical work registration codes for ABAWDs was recently included in the Food Stamp Manual. An additional numerical code for persons working 20 hours a week, but not 30 hours, is now included.

Effective July 1, 2002, counties with a high unemployment rate, located in a labor surplus area, or that had less than fifty ABAWDs, were given an option for exemption from the three-month time limit for ABAWDs. Eleven counties chose to be exempt.

II. SPECIFIC CHANGES

The number of work hours used to determine whether a voluntary quit has occurred is changed from 20 to 30 hours.

An additional numerical code, work registration code "10," is added for ABAWDs who work 20 hours or more, but less than 30, per week, averaged monthly.

A clarification is added that participants are not exempt from the E&T Program when placed in an education or training component by ESC and are attending classes.

Effective July 1, 2002, certain counties became waiver counties. A figure listing the waiver counties has been added.

III. IMPLEMENTATION INSTRUCTIONS

Apply this policy to all applications, recertifications, and changes in situation taken and/or processed on or after April 1, 2003.

IV. INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE FOOD STAMP MANUAL

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If you have any questions, please contact your Program Integrity Representative.

Sincerely,

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