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SNAP Notice to Able-bodied Adults without Dependents, Part 2

If you talked to a SNAP worker in the last two weeks and received an exemption, you can ignore this notice.

Starting Jan. 1, 2016, SNAP will change its requirements for what many able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDs) need to do to receive benefits. Our records show you are an able-bodied adult without dependents and you:

- Live in Multnomah or Washington County;
- Are 18 years of age or older, but not yet 50 years of age;
- Do not have a child under age 18 living with you.

The change

Starting Jan. 1, 2016, ABAWDs must be doing certain work activities in order to get food benefits. If you do not do these work activities, you can only get food benefits for three months in a three-year period that begins Jan. 1, 2016, and ends Dec. 31, 2018. The three-year period starts over Jan. 1, 2019. Approximately Dec. 1, 2015, you received a notice explaining the ways you can continue to receive SNAP. If you think you may be exempt from the time limits (please see first notice for categories), contact your worker right away.

If you are not exempt, you need to do certain work activities to qualify for SNAP benefits.

What is involved in the work activities?

- Work 20 hours a week. This work may be traded for money, goods and services. It may also be unpaid work, such as volunteering at a nonprofit. If you work less than 20 hours a week, you must do work activities to equal 20 hours a week. (*Continued on page 2.*)

- Activities may include your involvement in:
 - Work search (may not be more than nine hours a week);
 - A program under the Workforce Innovations and Opportunity Act (WIOA);
 - A displaced worker program under section 236 of the Trade Act of 1974;
 - An approved training program. This does not include job search training.
- You participate in Workfare.

What happens if I do not do the work activities?

To continue getting SNAP benefits throughout the three years starting Jan. 1, 2016, you must do work activities in all but three months of that time. This three months is limited to one time every three years. The three months do not need to be together. The use of these three months will follow you if you leave Oregon and apply for benefits in another state.

What happens after the three months of not doing the work activities?

Unless you are exempt, you will not be eligible to get SNAP benefits without doing the work activities. You will be ineligible for SNAP until January 1, 2019.

If I do the work activities, can I get SNAP again after the three months?

Yes, you may get SNAP again if you become exempt or do the work activities. You will need to do the work activities each month to keep getting food benefits.

Are there any good reasons for not doing these work activities?

Federal law is firm on the work activities. The worker may assign different activities if there are problems with doing ones assigned. The activities must be done to keep getting food benefits. An ABAWD may be sick and miss a few days' work activities. There is good cause for the absence if the ABAWD returns to the assigned work activity after getting well. The following month you must continue in your assigned work activity. There are other good reasons for not doing the work activities. Examples are things beyond your control, such as losing transportation or work being closed because of weather.

What happens if there are other persons getting benefits with me when I become ineligible?

The other persons in your household may still qualify for SNAP. Your income and resources will still count as part of your household income. The income for the entire group will be used to figure food benefits for the rest of the group. This means your household will get fewer SNAP benefits if you do not do the work activities. (*Continued on page 3.*)

Is there special reporting?

You have extra reporting when you are an ABAWD. You must report any time that your work hours drop below 20 hours a week. The work hours may be for pay, barter or volunteering. You must make this report within 10 days of the change.

For example, you are working 20 hours a week but your boss lowers the work hours to 15 hours a week. You must report the change in work hours no later than 10 days after the change in work hours occurs. You must still do the other reporting that your SNAP worker gave you. You may also be asked to do another work activity to bring your hours back to 20 hours a week.

Please call one of the following phone numbers if you have questions or want to begin the work activities.

If you live in Multnomah County, please call:

- 503-988-3646.

If you live in Washington County, please call:

- 971-673-5155.

NOTE: This notice tells you what you need to do to continue being eligible for SNAP. You will receive more notices before your SNAP benefits end.