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TO: Directors, County Departments of Job and Family Services

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SUBJECT: UPDATE: Able Bodied Adults without Dependents – 16 counties

Family Assistance Letter #127 explained that the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) had requested a waiver from the United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), in the following 16 counties: Adams, Brown, Clinton, Coshocton, Highland, Huron, Jefferson, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Ottawa, Perry, Pike, and Scioto. ODJFS has received notification from FNS that the waiver for those counties has been approved.

Able-Bodied Adults without Dependents (ABAWDs) in those 16 counties will continue to be subject to the same work registration and employment and training requirements as all other food assistance recipients, but will be exempt from the additional ABAWD work requirement. In order to ensure that ABAWDs are aware of the work requirement language has been added to the mass change notice that is already scheduled to be issued on October 5, 2013 as a result of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act expiration. The notice will include: a summary of the work requirement, a description of who may be exempt from the work requirement; and additional language regarding the reporting requirement for ABAWDs that are meeting the work requirement by engaging in paid employment.

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