

**NOTICE OF ABLE-BODIED ADULT WITHOUT
DEPENDENTS (ABAWD) STATUS AND WAIVER
STATUS**

Date:

Case No:
District Contact:

This is to inform you of a federal change to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) effective **January 1, 2016**. After this date, certain Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) will need to meet ABAWD work requirements to receive SNAP benefits for more than three months in a 36 month period.

Individuals residing in the Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens or Staten Island currently have a waiver from such ABAWD work requirements. The waiver from ABAWD work requirements will continue for these areas.

Effective **January 1, 2016**, many ABAWDs who live in Manhattan will no longer have their ABAWD work requirements waived. Individuals residing above West 110th street and above East 96th street will continue to have ABAWD work requirements waived, but most other residents of Manhattan will need to meet ABAWD work requirements to maintain SNAP benefits.

The Human Resources Administration (HRA) has determined that you or someone in your household is an ABAWD because you are subject to SNAP work requirements and you are:

- 18 years of age or older, but under 50 years of age;
- Not pregnant;
- Not residing in a SNAP household that contains a child under 18 years of age; and,
- Physically and mentally able to work for at least 80 hours per month

What is an ABAWD required to do?

Effective January 1, 2016, most ABAWDs who live in Manhattan on or below West 110th street and on or below East 96th street must complete one of the following each month in order to receive SNAP benefits for more than three months in a 36 month period:

- Work (including “in-kind” work and volunteer work) for at least 80 hours per month;
- Participate in an agency approved work/training program for at least 80 hours per month;
- Comply with a Work Experience Program (WEP) assignment for the number of hours equal to your SNAP grant divided by the higher of the federal or State minimum wage;
- Participate in a program under the Workforce Investment Opportunity Act or Trade Act which may include job search, job readiness, occupational skills training and education activities for at least 80 hours per month; or
- Participate in a combination of work or qualifying work programs for at least 80 hours per month.

In addition, the ABAWD must provide documentation of participation in unpaid work activities each month and report to HRA within 10 days after the end of the month if his/her work hours go below 80 hours.

If you would like HRA to help you meet these ABAWD work requirements, or if your circumstances have changed and you are no longer an ABAWD, or if you have questions about this notice, please call the HRA Infoline at **718-557-1399**.