



FOOD STAMP PROGRAM MANUAL TRANSMITTAL NO. 49

TO: OFI District Management, County Department of Family and Children Services, State Office Staff

FROM: Virginia Pryor
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DATE: January 31, 2018

RE: Food Stamp Program Manual Transmittal 49

The purpose of this transmittal is to provide updates to the Food Stamp Program's Employment and Training (E&T) policy. With the submission of the federal fiscal year (FFY) 2018 Employment and Training State Plan, several changes have been made to the E&T program operations. Georgia has accepted the ABAWD Waiver for FFY 2018. Ninety-three (93) Georgia counties were identified as 3/36 time-limited counties. The E&T Program will operate a voluntary program in each of these counties.

The E&T Program will also operate a mandatory work program in the following nine (9) counties: Bulloch; Chatham; Clayton; Douglas; DeKalb; Glynn; Gwinnett; Hall; Henry and Rockdale. The mandatory program will not serve all ABAWDs residing in the mandatory service areas. ABAWDs in the nine (9) counties are eligible to participate in an E&T Pilot Study that was awarded to Georgia in March 2015.

Additionally, this transmittal provides updates to the eligibility tracking of ABAWDs and the ABAWD work requirements and SNAP Works participation activities.

The policy revisions include:

- Updates to the work registration exemptions and work statuses;
- Updates to number of counties under the ABAWD time-limit;
- Food Stamp form additions and revisions that incorporate changes to the SNAP Works Program and ABAWD requirements.

The Form changes include:

- Form 805, ABAWD Volunteer Work Verification Form – English and Spanish
- Form 823, ABAWD Work Requirements – English and Spanish

This transmittal is effective January 1, 2018.