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TO: Local Workforce Development Board (LWDB) Executive Directors

FROM: Keantha B. Moore, Chief, Bureau of One-Stop and Program Support

SUBJECT: Update to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment & Training Program Age Expansion and New Exemptions

Keantha B. Moore

This memorandum serves as an update to the *SNAP E&T Program Age Expansion and New Exemptions* memorandum that was issued by FloridaCommerce on September 1, 2023. The issuance of this memorandum hereby rescinds the September 1, 2023 memorandum. The purpose of this updated memorandum is to notify Local Workforce Development Boards (LWDBs) of changes to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Employment and Training (E&T) program resulting from the [Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023](#) (FRA). The FRA was signed into law on June 3, 2023, and makes the following key changes:

- Expands the age of Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWDs) who are subject to SNAP E&T program work requirements.
- Introduces new SNAP E&T program exemptions.

Currently, ABAWDs aged 18 to 49, who do not meet an exemption, are required to meet federal work requirements in order to receive SNAP benefits. As a result of the FRA, the age of those subject to ABAWD work requirements will gradually increase as follows:

- September 1, 2023 – includes individuals aged 18 to 50.
- October 1, 2023 – includes individuals aged 18 to 52.
- October 1, 2024 – includes individuals aged 18 to 54.

For individuals subject to work requirements under the federal age expansion, the participation status codes (18Y/66Y) in the Florida Department of Children and Families' FLORIDA system will remain the same.

The FRA also adds new exemptions for ABAWDs required to meet work requirements for individuals experiencing homelessness, veterans, and individuals who are 24 years of age or younger and were in foster care on their 18th birthday. To accommodate these new exemption categories, DCF has created the following new participation status codes in the FLORIDA system:

- 17 – Homeless Individual
- 24 – Veteran
- 27 – Former Foster Care Individuals aged 24 or younger

With these changes, there may be instances where participants are referred for mandatory participation, and through the LWDBs' initial engagement processes, the individuals are determined to meet an exemption category. In these instances, LWDBs should follow their standard protocols for referring individuals to DCF for exemption determinations.

Effective immediately, LWDBs must ensure that updates are made to all necessary documents, local operating procedures, and website content to reflect the new age expansion requirements, associated timelines, and new exemption categories.

Please share this information with the appropriate staff and other interested parties. If you have any questions, please contact the SNAP E&T Team at:
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