



**Updates to the ABAWD
FoodShare Work Requirement**

IMAC Presentation
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Overview

The Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023, signed into law on June 3, 2023, changed the FoodShare work requirement policy for able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDs). These changes include:

- Addition of two new ABAWD exemptions (for veterans and former foster care youth).
- Expansion of the definition of homelessness for the ABAWD exemption. This exemption will align the current definition of homelessness for Wisconsin FoodShare policy.

Overview

The Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023, signed into law on June 3, 2023, changed the FoodShare work requirement policy for ABAWDs. These changes include:

- Increase to the applicable age range for ABAWDs who must meet the work requirement. The age range increased from 18-49, to 18-52 as of October 2023. Under current law, the age range will increase to 18-54 in October 2024.
- Reported ABAWD exemptions now only require verification if questionable, or if verification is required as a part of the eligibility determination.

CARES Enhancements

On October 21, 2023, CARES will be enhanced for these changes to the ABAWD FoodShare work requirement policy as follows:

- CWW pages will be updated to collect information for the new exemptions.
- CWW will apply ABAWD policy to members up to and including age 52.
- Member correspondence will be updated.

FS Work Registrant/ABAWD Information Page

A new section will collect information for the new exemptions.

Workers can enter **Yes, No,** or **Unknown**, then select a verification reason.

Information on former foster care youth is read only if previously entered for a health care request.

FS Work Registrant / ABAWD Information Cancel Reset

Effective Period

* Begin Month: End Month:

Delete Reason: Last Updated:

Exemptions from FS Basic Work Rules (Work Registrants) and FS Work Requirement (ABAWDs)

* Individual:

* Is this Individual in compliance with a W-2 work program?

* Is this individual the primary caretaker of a child under age 6 out of home? Verification:

* Is this individual the primary caretaker of an incapacitated individual outside of the home? Verification:

Exemptions from FS Work Requirement (ABAWDs)

* Is this individual a veteran of the United States Armed Forces, who has been discharged or released under any condition? Verification:

* Is this individual a former foster care youth under the age of 25 who was in foster care when they turned 18? Verification:

FoodShare Clock Page

“Good Cause / Exemption Details for TLB months” section of the FoodShare Clock page will list the additional exemptions:

Good Cause/Exemption Details for TLB Months

▼ Current 36 Month Clock

TLB Month	Worker Override Reason	Good Cause Hours	Reason	Verification	Verified	Del Work Hours
04/2024	EV - EXEMPTION APPI					<input type="checkbox"/>

► Prior 36 Month Clock Start Month:

Comments

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Current Size = 0 characters (250 characters)

FF - FORMER FOSTER CARE YOUTH
CC - PRIMARY CARETAKER OF CHILD UNDER AGE 6
PR - PREGNANT
HL - UNFIT FOR WORK (CHRONICALLY HOMELESS)
HR - EMPL/SELF-EMPL HRS. 129 OR MORE PER MONTH
TA - PRIMARY CARETAKER OF INCAPACITATED PERSON
DR - IN DRUG AND ALCOHOL PROGRAM
SC - SCHOOL/TRAINING AT LEAST 1/2 TIME
WG - EMPL/SELF-EMPL WAGE \$935.25 OR MORE PER MONTH
PA - PARTICIPATING IN W2/OTHER WORK PGM
UN - UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION
HC - RESIDES IN HH WITH A CHILD
IG - PHYSICALLY OR MENTALLY UNFIT FOR EMPLOYMENT
VT - VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES

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Current Demographics Page

The field titled “Expects to have a regular nighttime residence in the next 30 days?” will be disabled. The information collected in this field is no longer needed to grant an exemption.

Living Arrangement Information	
Effective Period	
*Begin Month: <input type="text" value="10"/> / <input type="text" value="2023"/>	Last Updated: 10/23/2023
Living Arrangements	
*Living Arrangement Type: <input type="text" value="10 - HOMELESS"/>	*Verification: <input type="text" value="NQ - NOT QUESTIONABLE"/>
*Living Arrangement Date: <input type="text" value="MM"/> / <input type="text" value="DD"/> / <input type="text" value="YYYY"/>	<input type="button" value="DOC Record Query"/>
*Minor Parent Living Arrangement: <input type="text"/>	
*Is this person considered part of the health care household? <input type="text"/>	
Residential SUD Information Details	
Homelessness Information	
*Expects to have a regular nighttime residence in the next 30 days? <input type="text"/>	
Has this individual experienced homelessness in the past 12 months? Yes	<input type="text"/>

Additional Updates in CWW

- All CWW pages that display information about the FoodShare work requirement have been updated as needed to show the new exemptions and age range.
- CWW will apply exemptions from the FoodShare work requirement that are determined not questionable.

Updates to Member Correspondence

All member correspondence that communicates information about the FoodShare work requirement have been updated as needed to include the new exemptions and the updated age range. These updates include the following:

- FoodShare Notice of Decision
- FSET Referral Letter
- FoodShare Verification Checklist (FVCL)
- FoodShare application and case summary documents

Questions?