ABAWD Naming Conventions

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Project Overview

- Background: DHS received a corrective action from FNS that stated DHS must discontinue using the terminology of "exempt ABAWD" and "non-exempt ABAWD". DHS must also discontinue classifying individuals who are meeting the ABAWD work requirement as "exempt ABAWDs". FNS additionally clarified that individuals who work over 30 hours per week (or make over $935.25/month) are non-ABAWDs because they are not work registrants.

- Vision: All applicable individuals will be classified as either ABAWDs or non-ABAWDs.

Policy Changes

- All FS members 16 and older will be assigned one of the following ABAWD Status values:
  - ABAWD
  - Non-ABAWD
  - Ineligible
- ABAWDs include everyone in the age range 18-49 who does not have a verified exemption.
  - ABAWDs further identified as either meeting or not meeting the work requirement.
    - Working fewer than 20 hours per week = not meeting work requirement
    - Working 20-29 hours per week = meeting work requirement
    - Working 30 hours or greater per week = Non-ABAWD

Policy changes continued

- All ABAWDs and non-ABAWDs will be further defined by their "Referral Type". This is a new value.
  - "TLB" – assigned to ABAWDs who are not meeting the work requirement outside of FSET
  - "Non-TLB" assigned to:
    - ABAWDs who are already meeting a work requirement outside of FSET (Note: These individuals may earn a TLB if they discontinue meeting the work requirement.)
    - Non-ABAWDs
- Non-ABAWDs include everyone who is under 18 and older than 49 and individuals with a verified exemption

System Changes

- FSET Referral
  - TLB referrals will be sent to FSET automatically
  - Non-TLB referrals will only be sent to FSET if the member requests participation
- FS Clock
  - Individuals with an ABAWD exemption will maintain a clock status of "exempt" for the appropriate months.
  - Clocks will only start when an ABAWD does not meet the work requirement.

System Changes

- CWW IM Impact
  - FoodShare Summary Page
  - FS Work Registrant/ABAWD Exemption
  - FS WR ABAWD Determination
  - Refer to FSET
- CWW FSET Tool Impact
  - Referral Management
  - Referral Search Criteria
  - Referral Search Results
  - Referral Details

Situation	Old Terminology	New Terminology	Systematic Result
Member is an ABAWD, working fewer than 20 a week, and does not have a verified exemption.	Non-Exempt ABAWD	• ABAWD • Not meeting the work requirement • Referral type "TLB"	• FSET referral is sent automatically • FS Clock is established if the member does not meet the work requirement through FSET • Member earns TLBs if they don't participate 20 or more hours per week in FSET
Member is an ABAWD, working (employment, self-employment, and/or work program hours) between 20-29 hours per week, and does not have a verified exemption.	Exempt ABAWD Exemption reason EM (work) or EW (work and/or work program)	• ABAWD • Meeting work requirement with EM or EW • Referral type "Non-TLB"	• FSET referral is sent upon member request • FS Clock is not established while meeting the work requirement • Member will not earn TLBs while meeting the work requirement
Member has a verified exemption or is a Non-ABAWD.	Non-ABAWD or Exempt ABAWD	• Non-ABAWD • Referral type "Non-TLB"	• FSET referral is sent upon member request • FS Clock is not established • Member will not earn TLBs
Member is not eligible for FS benefits.	Ineligible	• Ineligible • Referral type "Ineligible"	

Impact Analysis

- Simply a naming convention change. No change to caseload, workload, or case processing.

- A new framework for thinking about ABAWD classifications.

Release Activities

- TAPP – September 14

- Trainings: 8 webinar sessions on October 15, 16, 17, 22, and 23; Recorded training available after October 15.
  - o New worker trainings updated November 1
  - o Enhanced new worker trainings – ongoing updates
  - o IM Refresher Training updated December 17

- Ops Memo publication date: October 8

- Project Implementation: October 27