



ABAWD Changes

IMAC Presentation

April 2023

Overview

On January 1, 2022, DHS implemented a fixed, state-wide clock for tracking time-limited benefit (TLB) months for able-bodied working adults without dependents (ABAWDs). FoodShare members ages 18 to 49 will all have the same three-year time limit that ends in December 2024.

However, during the Public Health Emergency (PHE), the policy imposing TLBs for not meeting the FoodShare work requirement has been suspended.

Ahead of the reinstatement of this policy and the practical switch to the fixed, state-wide clock, DHS will implement changes in CARES to help workers process information that affects ABAWDs and their TLB months.

Purpose


On June 24, 2023, DHS will implement several enhancements to CARES that will allow IM workers to help members, including the following:

- For members found ineligible after accruing three TLBs, remove past TLBs by collecting information on work hours completed during ineligible months.
- Waive past or current month TLBs by collecting information on good cause hours and/or exemptions and its verification.
- Enhance member communication that corresponds to this policy.

FoodShare Gatepost Page: Met 30-Day FoodShare Work Requirement

The FoodShare Gatepost page will display a new question when someone on the case has previously lost FoodShare eligibility due to accruing three TLBs:

"Has any individual lost benefits after 3 TLBs and then met the FoodShare work requirement during any thirty-day period while they were ineligible?"

 **FoodShare Gatepost**

Cancel ☐

Effective Period


Last Updated: 01/01/2024

Additional Information

Is anyone in your household requesting DSNAP benefits?

★ Has any individual ages 18 to 49 received SNAP benefits from another state from January 2022 to the present?

★ Has any individual lost benefits after 3 TLBs and then met the FoodShare work requirement during any 30-day period while they were ineligible?


 Based on client's response, populate blank fields as N

Cancel ☐

FoodShare Gatepost Page: Met 30-Day FoodShare Work Requirement

"Has any individual lost benefits after 3 TLBs and then met the FoodShare work requirement during any thirty-day period while they were ineligible?"

- If workers select **Y-Yes**, the new Met 30-Day FoodShare Work Requirement page will be scheduled.
- **A – Add New** is an option in this field if a member is being added to the case.

 **FoodShare Gatepost**

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Met 30-Day FoodShare Work Requirement Page

The page has five sections:

- Individual Information
- 36-Month Current Clock Information
- Benefit Months (including TLB Months, ineligible months, and additional months)
- Met FS Work Requirement Information (for workers to enter work hours)
- Comments

Met 30-Day FoodShare Work Requirement Cancel ☐ Reset Total: 1

Individual Information

Individual:	[REDACTED] 44M	Last Updated:	06/10/2023
PIN:	[REDACTED]	Sequence:	1

36 Month Clock

Start Month:	01/2022	End Month:	12/2024	FS Clock Sequence:	1
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Benefit Months

Time-limited Benefit Months:	Month 1 02/2023	Month 2 03/2023	Month 3 04/2023
Ineligible Months Start:	05/2023	End:	05/2023
Additional Months Start:		End:	

Met FS Work Requirement Information

Start Date	End Date	Hours	Verification	Work Activity 1	Work Activity 2	Work Activity 3	Del
05/01/2023	05/31/2023	80.0	? - NOT YET	EM - EMI	VL - VOL		<input type="checkbox"/>

Add New Details

Comments

Comment: test1



Current Size = 5 characters (250 characters max.)

Individual Sequence Updated on or before Go Previous Next

Add Case Comment Cancel ☐ Previous Next

Met 30-Day FoodShare Work Requirement Page

If one or more individuals in the household are pending verification for meeting the 30-day work requirement, the FoodShare AG will pend. Both the Verification Checklist page and the Pending/Not Verified Information page will be updated with the pend reason of information related to the hours reported in the Met 30-Day FoodShare Work Requirement page.

Verification Checklist					Cancel <input type="checkbox"/>	Reset
Application Entry Section	Individual	Type	Pending Information / Verification	Assistance Group / Sequence		
FoodShare	 44M PP	Met 30-Day FoodShare Work Requirement: For the period of 05/01/2023 to 05/31/2023	- Hours	FS 01		

Individual

ALL

Assistance Group

ALL

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Add Case Comment

Cancel ☐

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A VCL will be sent asking to verify work requirement hours that happened within a 30-day period.

New Section on the FoodShare Clock Page

Note: This page was previously titled the FS Clock Page.




A new section titled "Good Cause/Exemption Details for TLB Months" will allow IM workers to collect information pertaining to a member's TLB months.


- Members can report and verify an exemption for a month when they got a TLB. A verified exemption will override the TL (Time-Limited Benefits) status on the clock.
- Members can report and verify Good Cause hours that apply to a TLB month. If the member's work requirement hours + Good Cause hours are 80 or more, the Good Cause will override the TL status on the clock.

FoodShare Clock Page: Exemption

In the "Current 36-Month Clock" subsection, workers can select **EV - Exemption Verified** for one of the TLB months. In the Reason field, workers can enter one of the exemptions from the FoodShare Work Requirement. And the worker must also select a value for verification.

Without verification, a FVCL will be sent out. And, with verification, the Clock status values are updated to remove the TLB.


Good Cause/Exemption Details for TLB Months						
▼ Current 36 month Clock						
TLB Month	Worker Override Reason	Good Cause Hours	Reason	Verification	Verified Work Hours	Del
01/2023	EV - EXEMPTION VERIFIED ▼ 		PA - PARTICIPATING I ▼ 	AF - AGENCY FORM ▼ 		<input type="checkbox"/>

 Prior 36 month Clock

Start Month:

End Month:

FS Clock Sequence:

FS Clock page view 

FoodShare Clock Page: Good Cause

In the "Current 36-Month Clock" subsection, workers can select **GC – Good Cause Verified** for one of the TLB months. In the Good Cause Hours field, workers can enter up to 40 hours. The Reason field lists reasons that a member can claim good cause. The worker must also select a value for verification.

Without verification, the household will receive an FVCL. If the hours are verified and the member's total countable hours for that month exceed 80, the Clock status values are updated to remove the TLB.

Good Cause/Exemption Details for TLB Months						
▼ Current 36 month Clock						
TLB Month	Worker Override Reason	Good Cause Hours	Reason	Verification	Verified Work Hours	Del
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▶ Prior 36 month Clock						
Start Month:		End Month:		FS Clock Sequence:		FS Clock page view

Questions?