

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.

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- 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:

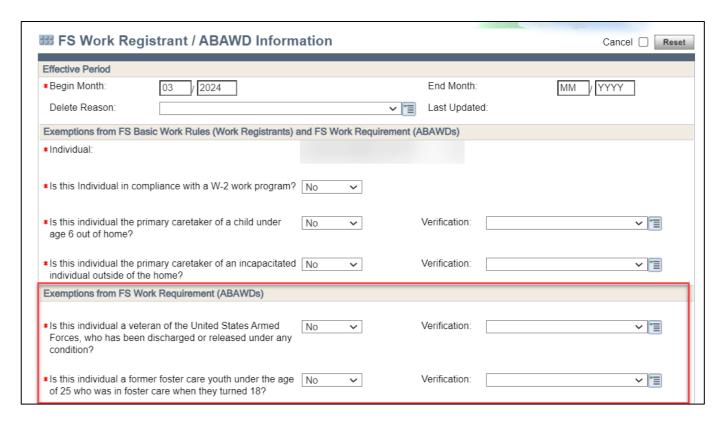
- CWW pages will be updated to collect information for the new exemptions.
- CWW will apply ABAWD policy to members up to and including age 52.
- Member correspondence will be updated.

FS Work Registrant/ABAWD Information Page

A new section will collect information for the new exemptions.

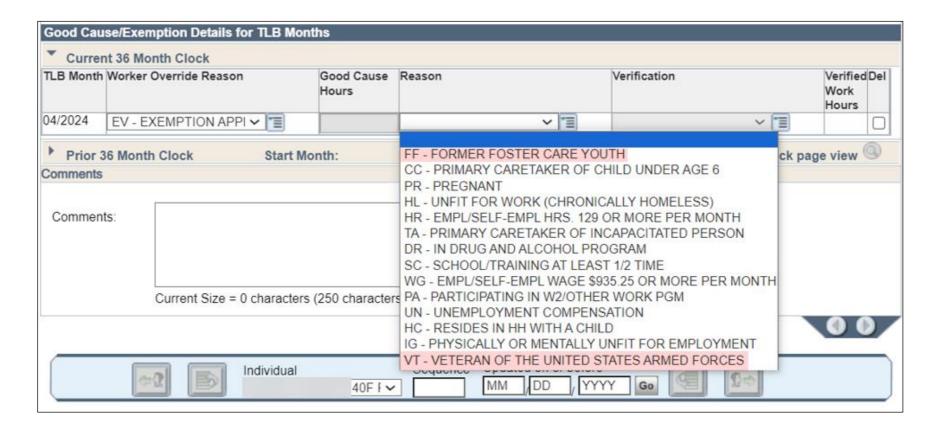
Workers can enter **Yes**, **No**, or **Unknown**, then select a verification reason.

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



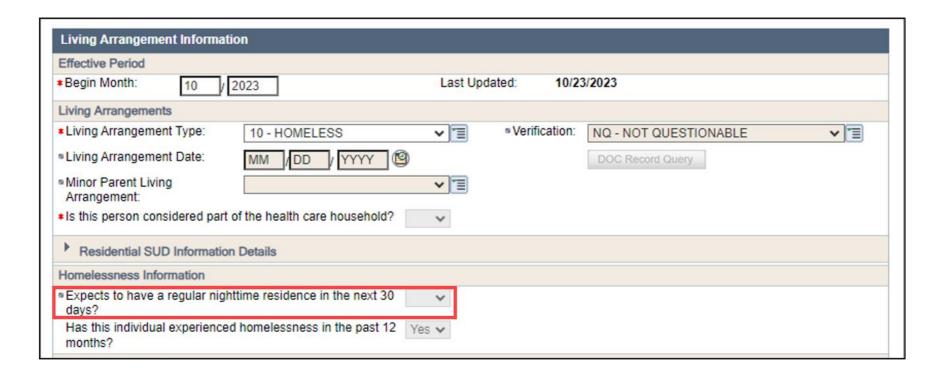
FoodShare Clock Page

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



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.



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?