

**NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA  
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**IM 5196**

**TO:** County Social Service Directors  
Economic Assistance Policy Regional Representatives  
Economic Assistance Policy Quality Control Reviewers

**FROM:** Carol Cartledge, Director, Economic Assistance Policy

**SUBJECT:** ABAWDS Waivers

**PROGRAMS:** SNAP

**EFFECTIVE:** October 1, 2013

**RETENTION:** September 30, 2014

**SECTIONS  
AFFECTED:** 430-05-40-50-10

Effective October 1, 2013, a waiver to continue to exempt Pierce and Rolette Counties from the able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWD) provisions has been approved for a one year period. The new waiver expires September 30, 2014.

For Pierce and Rolette Counties effective October 1, 2013, when processing reviews and ongoing cases for the benefit month of November 2013, TECS will continue to default the code on ABRE for all individuals to "EX". An informational edit will appear on the ABRE screen "county exempt from ABAWDS requirement" and it will not allow the entry of any coding on this screen. The ABAWD provisions do not apply to any individual residing in these counties effective October 1, 2013.

Individuals initially applying in Pierce or Rolette Counties on October 1, 2013 or later are exempt from the ABAWD provisions.

If you have questions, please contact your Regional Representative.