

**NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA  
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**IM 5215**

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

**FROM:** Carol Cartledge, Director, Economic Assistance Eligibility Unit

**SUBJECT:** Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) Waiver

**PROGRAMS:** SNAP

**EFFECTIVE:** October 1, 2014

**RETENTION:** September 30, 2015

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

Effective October 1, 2014, a waiver to exempt Benson and continue to exempt Pierce and Rolette Counties from the ABAWD provisions has been approved for a one year period. The new waiver expires on September 30, 2015.

For exempt counties effective October 1, 2014, when processing reviews and ongoing cases for the benefit month of November 2014, TECS will default the code on ABRE for all individuals to 'EX'. An informational edit will appear on the ABRE screen 'COUNTY EXEMPT FROM ABAWD 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, 2014.

Individual initially applying in these counties on October 1, 2014 or later are exempt from the ABAWD provisions.

If you have any questions, please contact your Regional Representative.