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The following food stamp change is being made effective January 1999 as result of the 1999 ABAWD Waiver:

Brooke county is now an NILC. Hancock county is now an NILC.

Individuals in these two counties who lost eligibility for failure to meet the ABAWD work requirement may participate in the Food Stamp Program again, if otherwise eligible

All counties must continue to identify and track ABAWD individuals.

Questions should be directed to the Office of Family Support Policy Unit.

(3) Issuance Limited Counties (ILC) and Non-Issuance Limited Counties (NILC)

The following are ILC counties and the only ones in which the 3-month limit applies.

Berkeley Kanawha Monroe
Cabell Mercer Ohio
Hampshire Mineral Pendleton
Hardy Monongalia Putnam
Jefferson Morgan Wood

All other counties are Non-Issuance Limited Counties (NILC).

(4) Determining The 36-Month Period

The first 36-month period is determined as follows:

- For all recipients who received a full month's benefits for December, 1996, regardless of the county or state of residence, the first 36-month period begins December, 1996 and ends November, 1999.
- For all individuals who applied after December 1, 1996, regardless of the county or state of residence, the first 36-month period begins with the first month of receipt of full benefits.

Once the 36-month period begins, it remains fixed regardless of the ABAWD's recipient status or regardless of county or state of residence.

EXAMPLE: An ABAWD resides in an ILC and was receiving benefits on December 1, 1996. His 36-month period begins December 1, 1996 and ends November 30, 1999. During this period, he is eligible to receive benefits for 3 months without meeting the work requirement.