

included in the AG, can only receive benefits when he is otherwise eligible and:

- Is meeting an exemption listed in item (2) below; or
- Is meeting the work requirements outlined in item (3) below; or
- Is residing in a Non-Issuance Limited County (NILC); or
- Is in the first 3-month limit period while not meeting the ABAWD work requirement or being exempt; or
- Regains eligibility after meeting the ABAWD work requirement; and
 - Is in the second 3-month limit period; or
 - Becomes exempt; or
 - Moves to an NILC.

(1) Definition of ABAWD

An ABAWD is any individual who is age 18 or over, but not yet age 50. An individual who turns 18 becomes an ABAWD in the month following his birthday. An individual is no longer an ABAWD in the month of his 50th birthday.

(2) Exemptions

SNAP benefits received while exempt do not count toward the 3-month limit. An individual is exempt if he:

- Lives with an individual under age 18. The individual under age 18 does not have to be included in the AG.
- Is responsible for the care of an incapacitated person, whether or not the person receiving the care resides with the client and whether or not the incapacitated person is a member of the AG; or
- Is receiving UCI as the result of registering with BEP; this includes persons receiving benefits under the Trade Readjustment Act (TRA); or

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- Is medically certified as physically or mentally unfit for employment according to the provisions in Section 12.15; or
- Is a pregnant woman, regardless of the expected date of delivery; or
- Is a regular participant in a drug addiction or alcoholic treatment and rehabilitation program either on a resident or non-resident basis; or
- Is a student enrolled at least half-time in any recognized school, training program or institution of higher education. A student must meet one of the exceptions to the restriction on student participation listed in item f,(2) above; or
- Is hired for work at least 30 hours per week; or
- Is hired for work paying the equivalent of at least 30 hours times the **federal** minimum wage per week.

These exemptions qualify the individual to participate immediately, if otherwise eligible, regardless of how many months of benefits he has already received. These exemptions are only from the ABAWD time limit and ABAWD work requirement and do not automatically exempt the individual from the SNAP work requirements in Chapter 13.

While the individual is exempt, he is not required to regain eligibility by completing any work hours to become eligible again. However, receiving SNAP benefits while meeting an exemption does not qualify the individual for the additional 3-month period specified in item (7) below until he has worked 80 hours in 30 days or participated in a work or training program for a month, should he no longer meet an exemption.

(3) ABAWD Work Requirement

NOTE: All SNAP work requirements in Chapter 13 also apply to ABAWDs.