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This supplement is being issued to inform staff of an important change regarding Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWDs) who receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits. Clarification regarding the definition of an ABAWD was received from the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS).

An ABAWD is an individual who is:

- Age 18 through 49,
- Physically or mentally fit for employment,
- Not pregnant, and
- Not living in a SNAP household with a child who is under age 18, even if the child is not eligible to receive SNAP benefits.

The change in the definition is that the individual would have to be part of the same SNAP household as the child even if the child is not eligible to receive SNAP based on SNAP regulations regarding eligibility. For example, if the child was an ineligible alien or the household failed to provide a Social Security Number for the child and the child would have otherwise been included in the SNAP household, then none of the adults included in the SNAP household would be considered an ABAWD.

Simply living in the same residence with a child will not result in an adult being considered a non-ABAWD; the child and the adult must both be considered SNAP household members based on Chapter 4 policy [C-110-SNAP](#).

Example: A 20-year old man who is not disabled lives with his sister and his 4-year old niece. The man does not purchase and prepare meals with his sister and niece; therefore, he is a one person household. The 20-year old man is an ABAWD because his sister and niece would be a separate SNAP household.

Policy [B-1470-SNAP](#), the [ABAWD Flyer 1](#), [ABAWD 2](#), and [ABAWD 3](#) will all be revised to reflect this clarification.

When conducting an interview using the Wizard, the Worker Portal has a question asking if the household lives with a child under age 18 who is not included in the SNAP household. This question should be completed with “no” since answering “yes” would cause CAFÉ to determine that the individual is not an ABAWD. The worker must not ask this question during the interview.

Please contact your Regional SNAP/CCAP Program Consultant if you have questions.