

Urgent Bulletin

Arizona Department of Economic Security
Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System

ABAWD FAQs

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Program Impact: NA

This Urgent Bulletin is being issued to inform staff that Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) time limits are returning to Arizona on 10/01/2023.

An NA participant is considered an ABAWD when they meet **all** of the following:

- Are age 18 through 52
- Not living with a child under the age of 18
- Physically and mentally able to work

The ABAWD time limit is a federal requirement that limits NA benefits for three full months in a three-year period. The ABAWD time limit does not apply to participants who meet **any** of the following exemptions:

- 17 years of age or younger
- 53 years of age or older
- Mentally or physically unfit for work
- Residing in an NA budgetary unit where a member is age 17 or younger
- Pregnant
- Homeless
- Veteran who served in the United States Armed Forces
- Former foster care youth 24 years of age or younger
- Living in a geographically exempt area (on an American Indian Reservation, or outside of Maricopa County)
- An NA work requirement exemption

It is critical that FAA staff follow the policy and AZTECS Keying procedures to correctly identify NA participants subject to the ABAWD time limits.

All ABAWD exemptions can be verified using participant statement verification, unless questionable. When a participant claims an ABAWD exemption that is questionable, the participant has the primary responsibility for providing verification of the exemption. Examples of verification that can be used for ABAWD exemptions have been added to the CNAP Manual.

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The new Job Aid titled [Keying WERE for ABAWD – Job Aid](#) is located on the DBME SharePoint. Use the Job Aid to assist in determining the correct keying procedure.

As a reminder, please refer to **all** of the following recent updates, for more information regarding changes to ABAWD policy:

- What's Changed on 09/18/2023
- Urgent Bulletin titled ABAWD Time Limit Notices issued on 09/21/2023

All FAA staff must complete the mandatory CBT titled DEFA3010 – ABAWD located in TraCorp, on or before 09/29/2023.

The Policy Support Team (PST) is in the process of updating the following ABAWD policies and keying procedures, which will be finalized by 10/02/2023:

FAA2.M09A - [ABAWD Time Limits and Work Requirements](#)

FAA2.M09B - [ABAWD Exemptions and Tracking](#)

FAA2.M09C - [ABAWD Continued Eligibility](#)

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