**ABAWD 101**

ANSWER KEY

**What does ABAWD stand for?**

Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents

**Who is subject to the ABAWD rules?**

The ABAWD time limit may apply to CalFresh recipients who:

* have CalFresh-only cases AND
* are between the ages of 18 and 49 AND
* are considered able-bodied, AND
* not living with a minor.

**What is the ABAWD time limit and when does someone have one?**

ABAWD eligibility for CalFresh is time limited to any three full months, called countable months of benefits in a 36-month period unless the individual:

* Satisfies the ABAWD work requirement OR
* Is exempt from the ABAWD time limit OR
* Qualifies for an additional three consecutive month period of eligibility OR
* Receives a 15 percent exemption OR
* Lives in a county or area with a waiver of the ABAWD time limit.

**When does the time limit start?**

The state will re-implement the time limit in three counties beginning September 1, 2018.

**Where will the time limit be implemented?**

The three counties re-implementing the ABAWD time limit are San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara.

**What must all counties do?**

All counties will start tracking people who are subject to the ABAWD rules starting on September 1, 2018.

**When does California’s 36-month clock restart?**

* California’s current 36-month period began January 1, 2017 and will end December 31, 2019.
* CalFresh recipients with an ABAWD time limit who don’t meet the work requirement or an exemption will be eligible for another three full months of CalFresh beginning January 1, 2020.