**FoodShare Work Registration Requirements**

*“It appears that you or someone in your household needs to comply with the FoodShare work registration requirements. A person who needs to comply with these requirements must do all of the following:*

* *Register for work at the time of application and every 12 months thereafter.*
* *Provide us with his or her employment status or ability to work.*
* *Not voluntarily and without good cause quit a job of 30 or more hours per week (or a job with earnings equal to 30 or more hours per week at the federal minimum wage).*
* *Not reduce work hours to less than 30 per week (or weekly earnings to less than 30 times the federal minimum wage).*
* *Accept a suitable job offer if he or she is offered a job.*
* *Meet the unemployment compensation program work requirements if he or she has applied for or is getting unemployment benefits.*
* *Meet the Wisconsin Works (W-2) program work requirements if he or she is taking part in W-2.*

*A person who is not exempt from the work registration requirements will be sanctioned (or disallowed) from getting FoodShare benefits if he or she voluntarily and without good cause does any of the following: o*

* *Turns down a suitable job offer.*
* *Quits a job of 30 or more hours per week (or a job with earnings equal to 30 or more hours per week at the federal minimum wage).*
* *Reduces his or her work hours to less than 30 hours per week (or his or her earnings to less than 30 times the federal minimum wage).*
* *Takes part in W-2 but does not meet the W-2 program work requirements.*
* *Applies for or is getting unemployment benefits but does not meet the unemployment compensation program work requirements.*

*If a person becomes exempt from the work registration requirements, he or she must report the exemption in order to remove the work registration requirements.”*

***\*\*Please see allowable Work Registration exemptions on the next page if the customer asks.***

**Work Requirement for Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWDS)**

*“It also appears that you or someone in your household needs to meet the work requirement for able-bodied adults without dependents in order to get, or continue to get, FoodShare benefits.*

*This work requirement is different from the work registration requirements.*

*A person who is not exempt from the work requirement for able-bodied adults without dependents will only get three months of FoodShare benefits in a 36-month (three-year) period unless he or she does one of the following:*

* *Works at least 20 hours per week.*
* *Takes part in an allowable work program for at least 20 hours per week.”*

**Allowable Exemptions for Work Registration (provide to the customer if they ask)**

*“A person is exempt from the work registration requirements if he or she:*

* *Is 16 or 17 years old and is not the primary person in the FoodShare group.*
* *Is 16 or 17 years old and is the primary person in the FoodShare group but is enrolled in school or in an employment and training program at least half-time.*
* *Is found to be unfit for work. This includes:* 
  + *A person who gets temporary or permanent disability benefits from the government or a private source.*
  + *A person who is found to be mentally or physically unable to work by the income maintenance (IM) agency.*
  + *A person who is verified as unable to work by a statement from a health care professional or social worker.*
* *Is enrolled in Wisconsin Works (W-2) and complying with the W-2 work requirement.*
* *Is the primary caregiver for a dependent child under age 6 (whether the child lives in the home or out of the home). If two people have parental control of a child, only one of those people can be exempt from work registration as the primary caregiver of that child.*
* *Is the primary caregiver for another person who cannot care for himself or herself (whether the person lives in the home or out of the home).*
* *Has applied for or is receiving unemployment compensation.*
* *Is regularly taking part in an alcohol or other drug abuse (AODA) treatment or rehabilitation program.*
* *Is working 30 or more hours per week or earning wages equivalent to 30 or more hours per week at the federal minimum wage.*
* *Is enrolled at least half-time in a recognized school, training program, or institution of higher education.*
* *Is receiving transitional FoodShare benefits. “*