



## Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance

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### General Information System (GIS) Message

#### Section 1

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<b>From:</b>	Valerie Figueroa, Deputy Commissioner, Employment and Income Support Programs
<b>Subject:</b>	November ABAWD Tracking for SNAP Participants in Saratoga County
<b>Effective Date:</b>	Immediately
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<b>Attachments:</b>	None

#### Section 2

The purpose of this GIS is to provide social services districts (districts) with an update on the Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) tracking for November 2025 for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) participants residing in Saratoga County.

On November 13, 2025, following the end of the federal government shutdown, the United States Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service (USDA FNS) released a memo instructing State agencies not to issue countable months for ABAWD participants for November 2025.

Consistent with FNS' direction, the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) will process overrides for all ABAWDs in Saratoga County who have an AB record (countable month) or an AX record (ABAWD exclusion) for the month of November 2025. The override reason code U (Federal Government Shutdown related override) will be displayed on the WTRK43 screen as part of each ABAWD's Welfare Reporting and Tracking System (WRTS) record for November 2025. The username of 11SDWN will also be displayed to help districts identify that the override is due to the federal government shutdown.

Saratoga County should resume normal procedures for countable months beginning in December 2025.

As outlined in [25-ADM-03-P - Able-Bodied Adult Without Dependents \(ABAWD\) Time Limit Policy Update and Guidance](#), for ABAWDs residing in all areas of the State except Saratoga County the month of November 2025 is not a countable month.