Policy Clarifications – SNAP

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Would an individual receiving Veteran Affairs (VA) disability meet the ABAWD disability exemption if they are only considered 10% disabled by the VA?

Response By: Division of Federal Programs

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Yes, as provided by 7 CFR 273.24(c)(2)(i), the ABAWD time limit does not apply to an individual receiving temporary or permanent disability benefits issued by governmental or private sources because they are considered certified as physically or mentally unfit for employment. Receipt of VA disability compensation regardless of the disability rating exempts individuals from the ABAWD time limit. SNAP qualification code 02 should be used on the Individual Attributes screen when a client has verified that they are disabled through the VA.