

GOVERNOR'S VETO MESSAGE

April 15, 2022

To the Honorable Members of the Assembly:

I am vetoing **Assembly Bill 935** in its entirety.

This bill would require the Department of Health Services to reinstate work requirements for able-bodied adults without dependents and the employment and training program for able-bodied adults; withdraw any FoodShare waivers altering work requirements; and implement a drug screening, testing, and treatment policy for individuals enrolled in the FoodShare Employment and Training Program.

I am vetoing this bill in its entirety because I object to adding more barriers for individuals applying for and receiving food security and economic assistance through programs largely designed to provide support when individuals and families are experiencing economic hardship.

Additionally, I also object to creating a situation in which the state and the Department of Health Services could be out of compliance with federal law. The Families First Coronavirus Response Act, which was passed and enacted under the Trump Administration, requires that able-bodied adults without dependents not be subject to various eligibility restrictions during the public health emergency, effectively removing previously accrued time-limited benefit months and restarting benefits for able-bodied adults at zero months. Rescinding the related state's waiver would put the state out of compliance with this federal requirement.

Respectfully submitted,
TONY EVERS
Governor