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FOOD STAMP CATEGORICAL ELIGIBILITY

<p>Date: January 27, 2012</p>	<p>Subtopic(s): Eligibility</p>
<p> This procedure can now be accessed on the FIAweb.</p>	<p>Revision to the Original Policy Bulletin:</p> <p>This policy bulletin has been revised to inform staff that effective October 1, 2011, the Food Stamp (FS) resource limit for households that contain an aged or disabled individual has increased to \$3,250.</p> <p>Purpose:</p> <p>The purpose of this policy bulletin is to inform staff of the expansion of FS categorical eligibility. Prior to the expansion, only households whose members all receive Cash Assistance (CA) and/or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) were categorically eligible to receive FS benefits. Households that are categorically eligible for FS based on their eligibility for CA and/or SSI are not subject to a gross income test (GIT), a net income test (NIT), or a resource test.</p> <p>Effective January 1, 2008, New York State (NYS) expanded categorical eligibility to include FS households that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pass the 130% GIT and do not contain any individuals who are disqualified from receiving FS due to an intentional program violation (IPV) or a sanction; or • contain an aged or disabled individual, pass the 200% GIT, and do not contain any individuals who are disqualified from receiving FS due to an IPV or a sanction. <p>Effective March 1, 2009, NYS further expanded categorical eligibility to include FS households that pass the 200% GIT with unreimbursed out-of-pocket dependent care expenses, and do not contain any individuals who are disqualified from receiving FS due to an IPV or a sanction.</p>

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Dependent care expenses include any payments made by a household member (not by a third party) for the actual care of children or other dependents that are necessary in order for a household member to accept, continue, and/or comply with employment and training requirements.

FS households that are categorically eligible due to the expansion of categorical eligibility are exempt from the NIT and the resource test.

Categorically eligible FS households of one or two persons are entitled to at least \$16 in FS benefits.

Categorically eligible FS households of three or more persons are not automatically entitled to a FS benefit. If the FS benefit calculation results in a zero benefit, the household is considered categorically eligible for zero benefits and the FS case must be denied or closed.

Workers should use the Food Stamp Benefits Categorical Eligibility Desk-Aid (**LDSS-4943**) to assist in determining categorical eligibility for FS.

Workers are reminded that resources for categorically eligible FS households will not have to be verified to determine eligibility. All other required eligibility factors (alien status, residency, etc.) must be documented as per current procedure.

Households that contain an individual who is disqualified from receiving FS due to an IPV or a sanction cannot be categorically eligible for FS.

If a household cannot be categorically eligible for FS and does not contain at least one individual who is aged or disabled, it must pass the 130% GIT, 100% NIT, and a \$2,000 resource test to be eligible for FS.

Resource limit increased to \$3,250 for households that contain an aged or disabled individual.

If a household cannot be categorically eligible for FS and contains at least one individual who is aged or disabled, it must pass the 100% NIT and a \$3,250 resource test to be eligible for FS.

Households that are not categorically eligible for FS, but incur an unreimbursed out-of-pocket dependent care expense (and do not contain an aged or disabled individual) are not eligible for FS if they fail the 200% GIT.

Effective Immediately

References:

18 NYCRR 387.9(b); 387.14(a)(5)

[10-INF-07](#)

[09-ADM-06](#)

[08-INF-03](#)


[07-ADM-09](#)

[GIS 12 TA/DC001](#)

[FSSB](#), Section 5; pages 60-65

Attachment:

LDSS-4943 Food Stamp Benefits Categorical Eligibility Desk-Aid
(12/11)

 Please use Print on Demand to obtain copies of forms.

Food Stamp Benefits Categorical Eligibility Desk-Aid

FS Household: All TA/SSI Members

FS Household is <u>not</u> subject to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 130% GIT 100% NIT Resource Test 	ABEL Categorical Eligibility Indicator (CE): Y: Categorically Eligible – All TA/SSI
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FS Households: Expanded Categorical Eligibility

(This does not include FS households with Dependent Case costs)

FS Household must pass only: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 130% Gross Income Test (GIT) (<i>effective 10/1/09</i>) 	ABEL Categorical Eligibility Indicator (CE): N: Categorically Eligible – Not all TA/SSI																				
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FS Household with Sanctioned Member

FS Household must pass: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 130% Gross Income Test (GIT) 100% Net Income Test (NIT); and Resource Test (\$2,000) <p>Exception: FS household contains an aged or disabled individual <u>must</u> pass:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% NIT; and Resource Test (\$3,250) 	ABEL Categorical Eligibility Indicator (CE): S: Sanctioned for FS
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FS Household with Aged (60 or Older)/Disabled Member

FS Household must pass:

- 200% GIT (*effective 10/1/09*)

200% of Poverty Guidelines Chart

Family Size	Monthly Income
1	\$1,815
2	\$2,452
3	\$3,088
4	\$3,725
5	\$4,362
6	\$4,998
7	\$5,635
8	\$6,272
Each Add'l Member	\$637

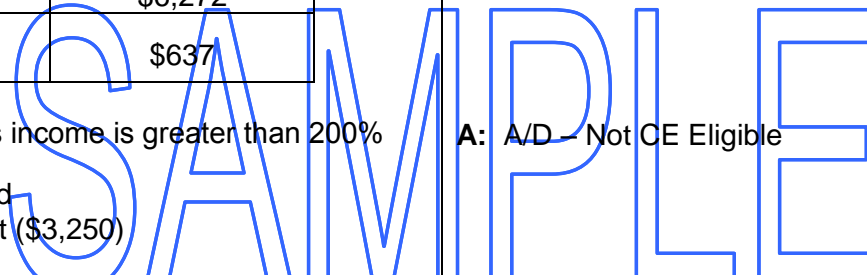
OR if the household's income is greater than 200%

- 100% NIT; and
- Resource Test (\$3,250)

ABEL Categorical Eligibility Indicator (CE):

N: Categorically Eligible – Not all TA/SSI

A: A/D – Not CE Eligible



FS Household with Out of Pocket Dependent Care Costs

(These are households that do not have any aged or disabled members and do not have any individuals who are sanctioned or disqualified.)

FS household must pass:

- 200% GIT

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(Effective 10/1/09)

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