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SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM CATEGORICAL ELIGIBILITY

Date: November 4, 2013	Subtopic(s): Eligibility
<p> This procedure can now be accessed on the FIAweb.</p>	<p>Revisions to the Original Policy Bulletin:</p> <p>This policy bulletin has been revised to inform staff that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Benefits Categorical Eligibility Desk-Aid (LDSS-4943) has been revised by the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) to reflect the SNAP poverty levels effective October 1, 2013; and • the minimum SNAP benefit for categorically eligible one and two person households has decreased from \$16 to \$15 effective November 1, 2013. <p>Purpose:</p> <p>The purpose of this policy bulletin is to inform staff of the expansion of SNAP 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 SNAP benefits. Households that are categorically eligible for SNAP benefits 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>

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Categorical eligibility includes SNAP households that:

- pass the 130% GIT and do not contain any individuals who are disqualified from receiving SNAP benefits due to an intentional program violation (IPV) or a sanction;
- contain an aged or disabled individual, pass the 200% GIT, and do not contain any individuals who are disqualified from receiving SNAP benefits due to an IPV or a sanction; or
- pass the 200% GIT, incur unreimbursed out-of-pocket dependent care expenses, and do not contain any individuals who are disqualified from receiving SNAP benefits due to an IPV or a sanction.

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.

SNAP households that are categorically eligible are exempt from the NIT and the resource test.

Revised information

Categorically eligible SNAP households of one or two persons are entitled to at least \$15 in SNAP benefits.

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

The **LDSS-4943** has been revised.

Workers should use the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Benefits Categorical Eligibility Desk-Aid (**LDSS-4943**) to assist in determining if a household is categorically eligible for SNAP benefits. The **LDSS-4943** was revised by OTDA to reflect the SNAP poverty levels that went into effect October 1, 2013.

Workers are reminded that resources for categorically eligible SNAP 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 SNAP benefits due to an IPV or a sanction cannot be categorically eligible for SNAP.

If a household cannot be categorically eligible for SNAP benefits 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 SNAP benefits.

If a household cannot be categorically eligible for SNAP benefits 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 SNAP benefits.

Households that are not categorically eligible for SNAP benefits, but incur an unreimbursed out-of-pocket dependent care expense (and do not contain an aged or disabled individual) are not eligible for SNAP benefits 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
 GIS 13 TA/DC038
 GIS 13 TA/DC044
 SNAP Source Book Section 5; pages 60-65

Attachment:

LDSS-4943 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
 Benefits Categorical Eligibility Desk-Aid (Rev. 9/13)

 Please use Print on Demand to obtain copies of forms.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Benefits Categorical Eligibility Desk-Aid

SNAP Household: All TA/SSI Members

SNAP 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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SNAP Households: Expanded Categorical Eligibility

(This does not include SNAP households with Dependent Care costs)

SNAP Household must pass only: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 130% Gross Income Test (GIT) (<i>effective 10/1/13</i>) 	ABEL Categorical Eligibility Indicator (CE): N: Categorically Eligible – Not all TA/SSI																				
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SNAP Household with Sanctioned Member

SNAP 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: SNAP 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 SNAP
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SNAP Household with Aged (60 or Older)/Disabled Member

SNAP household must pass:

- 200% GIT (*effective 10/1/13*)

200% of Poverty Guidelines Chart

Family Size	Monthly Income
1	\$1,915
2	\$2,585
3	\$3,255
4	\$3,925
5	\$4,595
6	\$5,265
7	\$5,935
8	\$6,605
Each Add'l Member	\$670

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

SAMPLE

SNAP 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.*)

SNAP household must pass:

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