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#### POLICY BULLETIN #13-94-ELI

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#### SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM CATEGORICAL ELIGIBILITY

<b>Date:</b> November 4, 2013	Subtopic(s): Eligibility
This procedure can now be accessed on the FIAweb.	Revisions to the Original Policy Bulletin:
	This policy bulletin has been revised to inform staff that:
	<ul> <li>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</li> <li>the minimum SNAP benefit for categorically eligible one and two person households has decreased from \$16 to \$15 effective November 1, 2013.</li> </ul>
	Purpose:
	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.

	Categorical eligibility includes SNAP households that:	
	<ul> <li>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;</li> <li>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</li> <li>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; or</li> </ul>	
	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 <b>LDSS-4943</b> has been revised.	Workers should use the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Benefits Categorical Eligibility Desk-Aid ( <b>LDSS-4943</b> ) to assist in determining if a household is categorically eligible for SNAP benefits. The <b>LDSS-4943</b> 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:

Please use Print on Demand to obtain copies of forms.

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

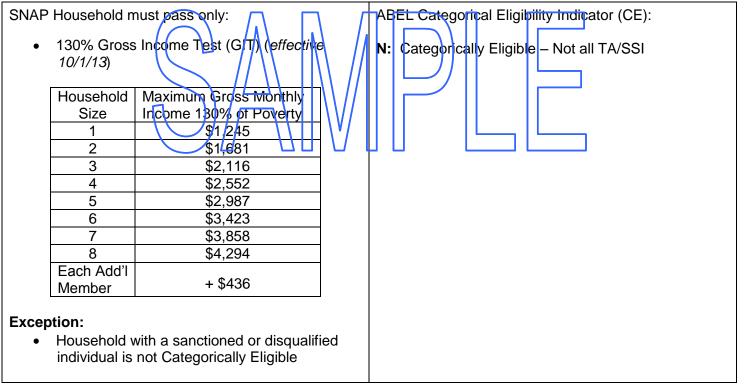
# Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Benefits Categorical Eligibility Desk-Aid

### **SNAP Household: All TA/SSI Members**

SNAP Household is not subject to:	ABEL Categorical Eligibility Indicator (CE):
<ul> <li>130% GIT</li> <li>100% NIT</li> <li>Resource Test</li> </ul>	Y: Categorically Eligible – All TA/SSI

### SNAP Households: Expanded Categorical Eligibility

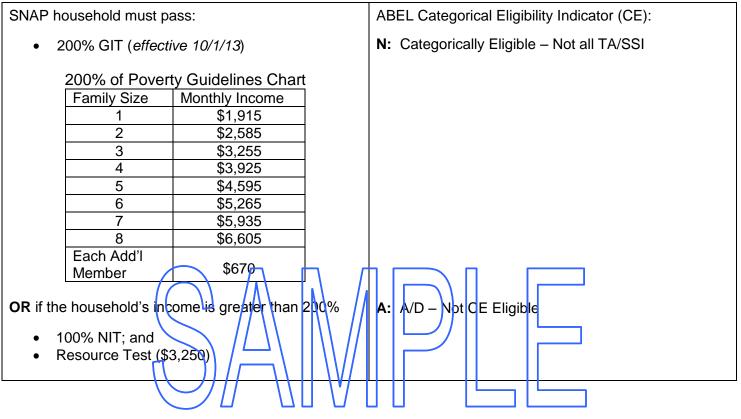
(This does not include SNAP households with Dependent Care costs)



### **SNAP Household with Sanctioned Member**

SNAP household must pass:	ABEL Categorical Eligibility Indicator (CE):
<ul> <li>130% Gross Income Test (GIT)</li> <li>100% Net Income Test (NIT); and</li> <li>Resource Test (\$2,000)</li> </ul>	S: Sanctioned for SNAP
<b>Exception:</b> SNAP household contains an aged or disabled individual <u>must</u> pass:	
<ul><li>100% NIT; and</li><li>Resource Test (\$3,250)</li></ul>	

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



#### **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 disgualified.)

SNAP household must pass: ABEL Categorical Indicator (CE) 200% GIT N: Categorical Indicator not all TA/SSI 200% of Poverty Guidelines Chart (Effective 10/1/13) Monthly Income Family Size \$1,915 1 2 \$2,585 \$3,255 3 4 \$3,925 5 \$4,595 6 \$5,265 7 \$5,935 8 \$6,605 Each Add'l \$670 Member