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SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM CATEGORICAL ELIGIBILITY

Date: October 23, 2014	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 reflect the following changes that went into effect on October 1, 2014:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the revision to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Benefits Categorical Eligibility Desk-Aid (LDSS-4943) to reflect the new SNAP income limits for the 130% and 200% gross income test; the resource limit for households that do not contain an aged or disabled individual and are not categorically eligible for SNAP benefits increased from \$2,000 to \$2,250; and the increase in the minimum SNAP benefit for categorically eligible one and two person households from \$15 to \$16. <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> <p>Categorical eligibility includes SNAP households that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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;

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- 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 minimum benefit

Categorically eligible SNAP households of one or two persons are entitled to at least \$16 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 categorical eligibility for SNAP benefits.

Workers are reminded that resources for categorically eligible SNAP households do not have to be verified to determine eligibility.

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.

Revised resource limit

If a household is not 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 \$2,250 resource test to be eligible for SNAP benefits.

If a household is not 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)

[09-ADM-06](#)

[08-INF-03](#)

[07-ADM-09](#)

[GIS 12 TA/DC001](#)

[GIS 14 TA/DC033](#)

[GIS 14 TA/DC038](#)

[SNAP Source Book](#), Section 5 pages 60-65

Related Items:

[PD #14-22-ELI](#)

SNAP Resource Policy


[PD #14-23-ELI](#)

October 2014 Changes in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Standards

Attachment:

LDSS-4943

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Benefits Categorical Eligibility Desk-Aid (Rev. 9/14)

 Please use Print on Demand to obtain copies of forms.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) 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% Gross Income Test (GIT) 100% Net Income Test (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 10/1/14</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 (\$2,250)(effective 10/1/14) Exception: SNAP household contains an aged or disabled individual <u>must</u> pass: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% NIT; and Resource Test (\$3,250) 	ABEL Categorical Eligibility Indicator (CE): S: Sanctioned for SNAP – Not Categorically Eligible
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SNAP Household with Aged (60 or Older)/Disabled Member

SNAP household must pass:

- 200% Gross Income Test (GIT) (*effective 10/1/14*)

200% of Poverty Guidelines Chart

Family Size	Monthly Income
1	\$1,945
2	\$2,622
3	\$3,298
4	\$3,975
5	\$4,652
6	\$5,328
7	\$6,005
8	\$6,682
Each Add'l Member	\$677

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

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

ABEL Categorical Eligibility Indicator (CE):

N: Categorically Eligible – Not all TA/SSI

A: A/D – Not CE Eligible (Aged/Disabled – Not Categorical System Generated)

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:

- 200% Gross Income Test (GIT)

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