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SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM CATEGORICAL ELIGIBILITY

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<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 the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) has revised the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Benefits Categorical Eligibility Desk-Aid (LDSS-4943) to reflect the SNAP income limits that went into effect on October 1, 2016.</p> <p>Purpose:</p> <p>The purpose of this policy bulletin is to inform staff of the expansion of SNAP categorical eligibility to households that pass a gross income test (GIT). Prior to the expansion, only households whose members all receive Cash Assistance (CA) and or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) were categorically eligible for SNAP.</p> <p>Households that are categorically eligible for SNAP due to all members receiving CA and/or SSI are not subject to a GIT, a net income test (NIT), or a resource test. SNAP households that are categorically eligible under the expanded criteria of passing a GIT, are exempt from the NIT and the resource test.</p> <p>For SNAP households that do not contain any individuals who are disqualified from receiving SNAP benefits due to an intentional program violation (IPV) or a sanction, SNAP categorical eligibility has been expanded to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • households that contain an aged or disabled individual and whose gross income is at or below 200% of the federal poverty level (FPL); • households that incur unreimbursed out-of-pocket dependent care expenses and whose gross income is at or below 200% of the FPL;

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- households with earned income and whose total gross income is at or below 150% of the FPL; and
- households that do not contain any aged/disabled individuals, do not incur any out-of-pocket dependent care expenses, do not have any earned income and whose gross income is at or below 130% of the FPL.

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 order for a household member to accept, continue, and/or comply with employment and training requirements.

The 150% gross income threshold applies to households with earned income budgeted using any of the following Income Source Codes:

- **01** – Salary, Wages
- **02** – On the Job Training
- **05** – Family Day Care Provider Income
- **06** – Net Business Income/Self-Employment Income
- **07** – Office of Vocational Rehabilitation
- **08** – Net Income from Rental of House, Store or Other Property (Worked more than 20 hours per week)
- **11** – Income from Boarder, Boarder/Lodger
- **12** – Income from Lodger
- **25** – Severance Pay
- **37** – Subsidized Employment
- **39** – Comprehensive Employment Opportunity Support Center
- **40** – Sick Pay
- **57** – Earned Income from WIA
- **60** – OVESID Training Allowance
- **65** – Earned Income from WIA/OJT
- **67** – Safety Net Self Support
- **88** – STEP School to Employment Program
- **98** – Other earned income

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

Categorically eligible 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 to receive SNAP benefits.

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

If a household is not categorically eligible for SNAP and it 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.

Households that contain at least one individual who is aged or disabled and whose gross income is above 200% of the FPL, may still be eligible for SNAP benefits if the household passes the 100% NIT and a \$3,250 resource test.

Effective October 1, 2016

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/DC038
 GIS 16 TA/DC004
 GIS 16 TA/DC064
 16-ADM-06

Related Items:

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

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Resource Policy


[PD #16-18-ELI](#)

October 2016 Changes in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Standards

Attachment:

LDSS-4943

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Benefits Categorical Eligibility Desk-Aid (Rev 12/16)

 Please use Print on Demand to obtain copies of forms.

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

Categorically Eligible Households:

If SNAP Household Includes All TA and/or SSI Members then:

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 	The Household is Categorically Eligible ABEL Categorical Eligibility Indicator (CE): Y: Categorically Eligible – All TA/SSI
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SNAP Household with Aged (60 or Older) and/or Disabled Member

SNAP household must pass: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 200% GIT (<i>effective 10/1/16</i>) <div style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;"> 200% of Poverty Guidelines Chart </div> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto; border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="padding: 2px 5px;">Family Size</th> <th style="padding: 2px 5px;">Monthly Income</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td style="padding: 2px 5px;">1</td><td style="padding: 2px 5px;">\$1,980</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px 5px;">2</td><td style="padding: 2px 5px;">\$2,670</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px 5px;">3</td><td style="padding: 2px 5px;">\$3,360</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px 5px;">4</td><td style="padding: 2px 5px;">\$4,050</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px 5px;">5</td><td style="padding: 2px 5px;">\$4,740</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px 5px;">6</td><td style="padding: 2px 5px;">\$5,430</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px 5px;">7</td><td style="padding: 2px 5px;">\$6,122</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px 5px;">8</td><td style="padding: 2px 5px;">\$6,815</td></tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px 5px;">Each Add'l Member</td> <td style="padding: 2px 5px;">\$693</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p style="margin-top: 10px;">OR if the household's income is greater than 200%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% Net Income Test (NIT); and • Resource Test (\$3,250) 	Family Size	Monthly Income	1	\$1,980	2	\$2,670	3	\$3,360	4	\$4,050	5	\$4,740	6	\$5,430	7	\$6,122	8	\$6,815	Each Add'l Member	\$693	ABEL Categorical Eligibility Indicator (CE): N: Categorically Eligible – Not all TA/SSI A: A/D – Not CE Eligible (Aged/Disabled – Not Categorically Eligible – System Generated)
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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 only:

- 200% Gross Income Test (GIT) (effective 10/1/16)

Household Size	Maximum Gross Monthly Income 200% of Poverty
1	\$1,980
2	\$2,670
3	\$3,360
4	\$4,050
5	\$4,740
6	\$5,430
7	\$6,122
8	\$6,815
Each Add'l Member	+ \$693

Exception:

- Household with a sanctioned or disqualified individual is not Categorically Eligible

ABEL Categorical Eligibility Indicator (CE):

N: Categorically Eligible – Not all TA/SSI

SNAP Household with Expanded Categorical Eligibility

ABEL Categorical Eligibility Indicator (CE): **N:** Categorically Eligible – Not all TA/SSI

SNAP Household **with no Earned Income** must pass only:

- 130% Gross Income Test (GIT) (effective 10/1/16)

Family Size	Monthly Income
1	\$1,287
2	\$1,736
3	\$2,184
4	\$2,633
5	\$3,081
6	\$3,530
7	\$3,980
8	\$4,430
Each Add'l Member	\$451

SNAP Household **with Earned Income** must pass only:

- 150% Gross Income Test (GIT) (effective 10/1/16)

Family Size	Monthly Income
1	\$1,485
2	\$2,003
3	\$2,520
4	\$3,038
5	\$3,555
6	\$4,073
7	\$4,592
8	\$5,112
Each Add'l Member	\$520

SNAP Household with Sanctioned Member are NOT Categorically Eligible

SNAP household must pass:

- 130% Gross Income Test (GIT)
- 100% Net Income Test (NIT); and
- Resource Test (\$2,250)

Exception: SNAP household contains an aged or disabled individual must pass:

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

ABEL Categorical Eligibility Indicator (CE):

S: Sanctioned for SNAP – Not Categorically Eligible