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**POLICY BULLETIN #21-05-ELI**

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**SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM CATEGORICAL ELIGIBILITY**

<p><b>Date:</b> February 1, 2021</p>	<p><b>Subtopic(s):</b> Eligibility</p>
<p>See PD #20-07-ELI for the October 2020 Changes in SNAP Standards.</p>	<p><b>Revisions to the Original Policy Bulletin:</b></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 (<b>LDSS-4943</b>) to reflect the SNAP changes that went into effect on October 1, 2020.</p> <p><b>Purpose:</b></p> <p>The purpose of this policy bulletin is to inform staff of the criteria to be categorically eligible to receive SNAP benefits.</p> <p>For SNAP households that do not contain an individual who is disqualified from receiving SNAP benefits due to an intentional program violation (IPV) or a sanction, the SNAP categorical eligibility criteria includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• households whose members all receive Cash Assistance (CA) and or Supplemental Security Income (SSI);</li> <li>• households that contain an individual who is aged or disabled and whose gross income is at or below 200% of the federal poverty level (FPL);</li> <li>• households that incur unreimbursed out-of-pocket dependent care expenses and whose gross income is at or below 200% of the FPL;</li> <li>• households with earned income and whose total gross income is at or below 150% of the FPL; and</li> <li>• households that do not contain any individuals who are aged or disabled, do not incur any unreimbursed out-of-pocket dependent care expenses, do not have any earned income and whose gross income is at or below 130% of the FPL.</li> </ul>

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Households that are categorically eligible for SNAP due to all members receiving CA and/or SSI are not subject to a gross income test (GIT), a net income test (NIT), or a resource test. SNAP households that are categorically eligible under the criteria of passing a GIT, are exempt from the NIT and the resource test.

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.

The 150% gross income threshold applies to households with earned income budgeted with 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

See PB #21-02-ELI for the Temporary Increase in SNAP Allotments

Categorically eligible households of one or two persons are entitled to receive at least \$19 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.

Staff 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.

Staff 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.

See PD #17-22-ELI for the SNAP Resource Policy.

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.

See PD #17-22-ELI for the SNAP Resource Policy.

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 \$3,500 resource test.

*Effective October 1, 2020*

#### **References:**

18 NYCRR 387.9(b); 387.14(a)(5)  
 09-ADM-06  
 08-INF-03  
 07-ADM-09  
 16-ADM-06  
 GIS 16 TA/DC004  
 GIS 20 TA/DC087

#### **Related Items:**

PD #17-22-ELI	SNAP Resource Policy
PD #20-07-ELI	October 2020 Changes in SNAP Standards
PB #21-02-ELI	Temporary Increase in SNAP Allotments due to COVID-19

#### **Attachment:**

<b>LDSS-4943</b>	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Benefits Categorical Eligibility Desk-Aid (Rev 09/20)
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## 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"> <li>• 130% Gross Income Test (GIT)</li> <li>• 100% Net Income Test (NIT)</li> <li>• Resource Test</li> </ul>	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"> <li>• 200% GIT (<i>effective 10/1/20</i>)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">200% of Poverty Guidelines Chart</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="207 995 686 1381"> <thead> <tr> <th>Family Size</th> <th>Monthly Income</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>1</td><td>\$2,128</td></tr> <tr><td>2</td><td>\$2,874</td></tr> <tr><td>3</td><td>\$3,620</td></tr> <tr><td>4</td><td>\$4,368</td></tr> <tr><td>5</td><td>\$5,114</td></tr> <tr><td>6</td><td>\$5,860</td></tr> <tr><td>7</td><td>\$6,608</td></tr> <tr><td>8</td><td>\$7,354</td></tr> <tr><td>Each Add'l Member</td><td>\$748</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>OR</b> if the household's income is greater than 200%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% Net Income Test (NIT); and</li> <li>• Resource Test (\$3,500)</li> </ul>	Family Size	Monthly Income	1	\$2,128	2	\$2,874	3	\$3,620	4	\$4,368	5	\$5,114	6	\$5,860	7	\$6,608	8	\$7,354	Each Add'l Member	\$748	ABEL Categorical Eligibility Indicator (CE):  <b>N:</b> Categorically Eligible – Not all TA/SSI          <b>A:</b> 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 10/1/20)

Household Size	Maximum Gross Monthly Income 200% of Poverty
1	\$2,128
2	\$2,874
3	\$3,620
4	\$4,368
5	\$5,114
6	\$5,860
7	\$6,608
8	\$7,354
Each Add'l Member	+ \$748

**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 10/1/20)

Family Size	Monthly Income
1	\$1,383
2	\$1,868
3	\$2,353
4	\$2,839
5	\$3,324
6	\$3,809
7	\$4,295
8	\$4,780
Each Add'l Member	\$486

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

- 150% Gross Income Test (GIT) (effective 10/1/20)

Family Size	Monthly Income
1	\$1,596
2	\$2,155
3	\$2,715
4	\$3,276
5	\$3,835
6	\$4,395
7	\$4,956
8	\$5,515
Each Add'l Member	\$561

### 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 (\$3,500)

ABEL Categorical Eligibility Indicator (CE):

**S:** Sanctioned for SNAP – Not Categorically Eligible