

TO BE RESCINDED

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Food stamps: determining monthly food stamp benefits.

The eligibility for AGs submitting an initial application is based on circumstances for the entire calendar month in which the AG filed its application, regardless of the date of application. Applicant AGs consisting of residents of a public institution who apply jointly for SSI and food stamps via the CAF prior to release from the public institution will have their eligibility determined for the month in which the applicant AG was released from the institution. An AG's benefit level for the initial month of certification shall be based on the day of the month it applies for benefits. An AG shall receive benefits prorated from the day of application to the end of the month unless the applicant AG consists of residents of a public institution. For AG's which apply for SSI prior to their release from a public institution the benefit level for the initial month of certification shall be based on the date of the month the AG is released from the institution and AG shall receive benefits from the date of the AG's release from the institution to the end of the month. The term "initial month" means the first month for which the AG is certified for participation in the food stamp program following any period during which the AG was not certified for participation, except for migrant and seasonal farmworker AGs. In the case of migrant and seasonal farm worker AGs, the term "initial month" means the first month for which the AG is certified for participation in the food stamp program following any period of more than one month during which the AG was not certified for participation. All other AGs require proration of benefits after any break in certification. To determine the amount of the prorated allotment, the county agency shall use the following formula.

Full month's benefits X (number of days in month + 1 - date of application) ÷ number of days in month = Prorated allotment

The sequence for calculation of the formula is: first, add one to the number of days in the month; second, subtract the date of application from the sum calculated in the first step; third, multiply the remainder calculated in the second step by the full month's benefits; fourth, divide the product calculated in the third step by the number of days in the month; fifth, if the quotient calculated in the fourth step ends in one through ninety-nine cents, round it down to the next lower dollar; and sixth, if the computation results in an allotment of less than ten dollars, round it to zero dollars.

Note: The phrase "full month's benefits" in this instance refers to the amount of monthly benefits to which a specific AG is entitled after all calculations, not to the maximum benefit (at zero income) they might receive.

- (A) An AG which met the definition of a potentially categorical eligible AG at the time the previous application was denied (for exceeding the gross or net income tests, or excess resources), and gains categorical eligibility shall have benefits prorated for the first month categorical eligibility exists from the day all members gained OWF, SSI, disability financial assistance (DFA) and/or disability medical assistance (DMA) recipient status.

- (B) Those AGs which are certified using the expedited service procedures and which apply for benefits after the fifteenth of the month, shall be assigned certification periods in accordance with rule 5101:4-6-09 of the Administrative Code. However, the benefits for the second month following the month of application shall not be issued until all necessary verification not already provided has been provided to the county agency.
- (C) Because of anticipated changes, an AG may be eligible for the month of application, but ineligible in the subsequent month. The AG is entitled to benefits for the month of application even if the processing of its application results in the benefits being issued in the subsequent month. Similarly, an AG may be ineligible for the month of application, but eligible in the subsequent month due to anticipated changes in circumstances. Even though denied for the month of application, the AG does not have to reapply in the subsequent month. The same application shall be used for the denial for the month of application and the determination of eligibility for subsequent months, within the timeliness standards. As a result of anticipated changes, the AG's allotment for the month of application may differ from the allotment in subsequent months. The county agency shall establish a certification period for the longest possible period over which changes in the AG's circumstances can be reasonably anticipated. The AG's allotment shall vary month to month within the certification period to reflect changes anticipated at the time of certification, unless the AG elects the averaging techniques.
- (D) Eligibility for reapplication shall be determined based on circumstances anticipated for the certification period starting the month following the expiration of the current certification period. The level of benefits for reapplications shall be based on the same anticipated circumstances.
- (1) If an AG, other than a migrant or seasonal farm worker AG, submits an application after the AG's certification period has expired, that application shall be considered an initial application and benefits for that month shall be prorated.
 - (2) If an AG's failure to timely reapply for benefits was due to an error of the county agency and therefore, there was a break in participation, the county agency shall follow procedures in rule 5101:4-5-07 of the Administrative Code.
 - (3) If an AG reapplies prior to the end of its certification period, but is found ineligible for the first month following the end of the certification period, the first month of any subsequent participation shall be considered an initial month.

- (4) If an AG submits a reapplication for benefits prior to the end of its certification period and is found eligible for the first month following the end of the certification period, then that month shall not be an initial month.
- (E) The above is effective only if the AG has been properly notified of the expiration of its certification period, as described in rule 5101:4-7-07 of the Administrative Code.

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