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CERTIFICATION OF AUTHORIZED OFFICER

I Hereby Certify That The Attached Rules Were Adopted
In Compliance with the Arkansas Administrative Act. (ACA 25-15-201 et. seq.)

Mary Franklin

Signature

Phone Number

E-mail Address

Title

Date

SNAP CERTIFICATION MANUAL – SECTION 1000

1900 Classifying Households

1910 Aged/Disabled Households

1900 Classifying Households

SNAP Manual 06/15/98

Households will be classified in accordance with the provisions of this section.

1910 Aged/Disabled Household

SNAP Manual 04/05/2025

An aged/disabled household contains at least one (1) member who is age sixty (60) or over or is disabled as defined in the Glossary under “[Aged/Disabled](#)”. The household member who is aged or disabled is entitled to a medical deduction as provided in SNAP 6500. Households with an aged/disabled member are entitled to unlimited excess shelter costs. They are not subject to the gross income pretest but must meet the net income standards. See SNAP 7600 for an explanation of net income eligibility.

1919 Broad Based Categorically Eligible Household

SNAP Manual 04/05/2025

Broad Based Categorically Eligibility applies to all SNAP households that receive a non-cash TANF or Maintenance of Effort benefit (See Appendix AA for BBCE information). This allows the resource limit for all households to be increased (See Appendix D). This increase is permitted for a twelve (12) month period and can only be granted once every five (5) years. After the twelve (12) month period has been exhausted the standard resource amounts will apply.

1920 Categorically Eligible Household

SNAP Manual 04/05/2025

A categorically eligible household is any household in which all members receive (or are authorized to receive) Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or at least one (1) member receives (or is authorized to receive) a Transitional Employment Assistance (TEA) benefit as defined in SNAP 1920.2. “Authorized to receive” means that an individual has been determined eligible for benefits and has been notified of this determination even though the benefits have not yet been received. The fact that TEA or SSI benefits have been suspended, recouped, or are less than the minimum amount paid will have no impact on a determination of categorical eligibility.

No household may be classified as a categorically eligible household if:

1. The entire household is institutionalized, and the institution is not listed at SNAP 1800 as an institution where residents may participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.
OR
2. Any member of the household is disqualified for an intentional program violation as defined in [SNAP 16600](#) and SNAP 16800.

FW: DHS Emergency Rule Request for Review

From Mac Golden <Mac.E.Golden@dhs.arkansas.gov>

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Subject: RE: DHS Emergency Rule Request for Review

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Mac,

The Executive Subcommittee reviewed and approved the following emergency rule at its meeting on Thursday, April 3, and its review and approval was effective at 12:01 a.m., Saturday,

April 5, 2025:

DHS-Division of County Operations: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program updates pursuant to Act 675 of 2023.

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns or if there is anything else that you need from me.

Sincerely,

Jill.

Jillian E. Thayer

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Good afternoon Jill,

We had an Emergency Rule approved last Thursday but have not received the approval letter yet. Do you know if it has issued? (Looks like Marty is out today)

Thank you,

Mac



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I am currently out of the office I will have limited access to my email during this time and will respond when I am back in the office. If you need immediate assistance, please contact Jill Thayer at thayerj@blr.arkansas.gov or 501-683-0720.

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SNAP CERTIFICATION MANUAL – SECTION 1000

1900 Classifying Households

1910 Aged/Disabled Households

No household member will be included as an eligible member of a categorically eligible household if that member is:

- An eligible alien as defined in SNAP 1621.
- An eligible student as defined in SNAP 1622.2.
- Disqualified for failure to comply with a work registration requirement as defined in SNAP 3400.

SNAP CERTIFICATION MANUAL –SECTION 4000

4300 Resource Eligibility Standards

4310 Uniform Resource Standards

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A household's eligibility will be denied or terminated when the value of the household's countable resources (both liquid and non-liquid assets) exceeds the limit for all households regardless of household size, including households with an individual with disabilities (see glossary definition of sixty (60) years of age or older individuals with disabilities households).

The household is classified as categorically eligible if all household members receive SSI benefits or a combination of TANF and SSI. A combined household of SSI recipients and non- SSI recipients cannot be classified as categorically eligible. However, the individual household members who receive SSI benefits are categorically eligible. This means that any resources owned solely by an SSI recipient are not to be counted when the household's total resources are determined, but all resources owned by the other household members are to be counted. If the resources owned by household members, who do not receive SSI, exceed the resource limit, then the entire household (including the SSI recipient) is ineligible to participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. Co-owned resources will not automatically be excluded under this policy. Instead, the resource will be handled in the same manner as any other jointly owned resource. Please see Appendix D for current resource limits for Regular and Age/Disabled households.

Broad Based Categorically Eligibility applies to all SNAP households that receive a non-cash TANF or Maintenance of Effort benefit (See Appendix AA for BBCE information). This allows the resource limit for all households to be increased (See Appendix D). This increase is permitted for a twelve (12) month period and can only be granted once every five (5) years. After the twelve (12) month period has been exhausted the standard resource amounts will apply.

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12200 Changes Reported by the Household

12233 Actions to Take to Change a Resource

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Vehicles

1. Determine the countable value of the new vehicle (see [SNAP 4800 - 4841](#)).
2. If the vehicle has any countable value, add this figure to the existing resources. If applicable, subtract the countable value of the vehicle used as the “trade-in.”
3. Compare the household’s total countable resources to the applicable resource limits (see [SNAP 4300 - 4310](#)).
4. If the household’s total countable resources are less than the limits, the household continues to be eligible. If not, close the case.

Liquid Resources

If the household’s liquid resources exceed the applicable limit (See Appendix D), the case will be closed unless the household is categorically eligible.

Arkansas Dept. of Human Services – SNAP Basis of Issuance: October 2024 – September 2025

Appendix D: Current Standards **Current Standard Deductions**

Type of Deduction		Amount	Effective Date
1. Earned Income		20%	05-01-86
2. Standard Deduction (Based on household size)	Household size 1	\$204	10-01-24
	Household size 2	\$204	
	Household size 3	\$204	
	Household size 4	\$217	
	Household size 5	\$254	10-01-24
	Household size 6 and	\$291	10-01-24
3. Standard Utility Allowance (SUA)		\$333	10-01-24
4. Maximum Excess Shelter		\$712	10-01-24
5. Standard Medical Deduction (SMD)		\$190	10-01-24
6. Basic Utility Allowance (BUA)		\$267	10-01-24
7. Homeless Living Allowance (HLA)		\$190.30	10-01-24
8. Telephone Standard		\$50	01-01-21

Current SSI Maximum Payments

Type of Payment	Amount	Effective Date
SSI Only – Individual	\$943	01-01-24
SSI Only – Couple	\$1415	01-01-24

Current Medicare Premium (Part B Only): \$174.70

Current Medicare Premium (Part D Only): \$34.70

Resource Limits: Household Type and Maximum Amount:

All Households five thousand five hundred (\$5,500) for twelve (12) months (after twelve (12) months, see amounts below)**

Households with at least one (1) member who is age sixty (60) or older or is disabled four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500)

All other households three thousand dollars (\$3,000)

*The Asset limit for elderly or disabled household who serves as the threshold for substantial lottery or gambling winnings.

** five thousand five hundred dollars (\$5,500) resource limit can only be given for twelve (12) months in a five (5) year period.