

Phase I - Module 14

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FNS Application to Case Process Review

Continue to work cases and allow students to ask any outstanding questions they may have about FNS and keying in the system.

By now students should be able to demonstrate the ability to properly complete the application to case process to determine eligibility.

Other Topics

Able Bodied Adults without Dependents (ABAWD)

Discuss what ABAWD stands for and why it is important concerning FNS.

Able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDs) can only receive FNS for only three months in a three (3)-year period if they do not meet certain extra work requirements. This is called the ABAWD time limit.

FNS Unit members between the ages of 18-54 whose home does not include a person under the age of 18, are only allowed to receive 3 free months of FNS benefits. In a 36-month period unless they fit the following criteria:

- Over the age limit
- Member of an FNS unit containing a member who is under the age 18
- Pregnant
- Exempt from FNS Work Requirements
- Unfit for employment
 - Receiving public or private disability benefits
 - Unfit based on caseworker's observation or judgement (the medical condition is obvious)
 - Medically certified as physically or mentally unfit for employment

- Homeless individual who lacks a fixed and regular nighttime residence
- ABAWD is involved in alcohol/drug treatment
- Exempt a refugee based on certain requirements
- Foster Care – Individuals who are 24 years of age or younger and who were in Foster Care on their 18th birthday.
- Veterans

Expedites

Discuss the Expedite process.

If the initial application is processed using expedited service standards, the household must be able to purchase food no later than the 7th calendar day following the date of application.

Overview of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

North Carolina's Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) is a demonstration project designed to deliver food assistance to elderly individuals receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI). SNAP is a simplified version of Regular Food and Nutrition Services (FNS).

Individuals must meet the following criteria to be eligible for SNAP:

- Receive SSI, (individuals may have other income as well) and
- Age 65 or older, and
- Not living in an institution (being in an Alcohol/Drug Treatment Center (ADTC) is considered being institutionalized for SNAP purposes), and
- Residing in North Carolina, and
- Purchasing and preparing food separately from other people living in the home, and
- Not be receiving Food and Nutrition Services, Food Stamps, or SNAP in another state.

All SNAP Cases are one person households. SNAP households must meet regular Food and Nutrition Services household concept eligibility requirements.

NOTE: Married individuals living in the same home cannot be considered a separate household.

Income and deductions are not considered when determining SNAP allotment amounts. Only shelter costs are used to determine the allotment amount. Allotment amounts for SNAP are as follows:

- The FNS allotment amount is \$166 if the rent, mortgage, and/or lot rent expense is less than \$150 per month.

- The FNS allotment amount is \$206 if the rent, mortgage and/or lot rent expense is \$150 or higher per month.

SNAP Application Procedures

Individuals applying for Regular Food and Nutrition Services will be evaluated for and authorized for SNAP if criteria for SNAP is met and the SNAP allotment amount is equal to or greater than the current allotment amount.

Potential SNAP recipients are identified monthly via the North Carolina State Data Exchange (SDX) match process and are automatically mailed a SNAP Application. Applications are processed within 30 days of the date the application is received in the local Department of social Services (DSS). Eligible households automatically receive an EBT card with PIN instructions once the SNAP application is approved. SNAP cases are certified for 36 months.

Cited Sources

Buncombe County DSS Training Curriculum

NCDHHS Energy Programs Policy Manuals [EP Policies/Manuals – NCDHHS Policies and Manuals](#)

NC FAST HELP

https://ncfasthelp.nc.gov/FN_B/FN_B/server/general/projects/FAST_Help/FAST_Help.htm

NCDHHS Simplified Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) [Simplified Nutritional Assistance Program \(SNAP\) | NCDHHS](#)