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To: Department of Transitional Assistance Staff

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Re: SNAP – Residents of Institutions

Overview

Residents of institutions that provide more than 50% of three meals daily are ineligible for SNAP benefits. However, there are five exceptions to this rule. When a client verifies his/her residence and it falls under one of the five exceptions, the client must not be denied SNAP benefits for being a resident of an institution.

Purpose

This Online Guide Transmittal informs staff that a new chapter and page entitled Residents of Institutions have been added to the Online Guide. The Residents of Institutions page informs staff of:

- SNAP eligibility requirements for those excepted from the residents of institution rule and offers guidance to case managers when addressing this information for SNAP households; and
- procedures for identifying clients who may be eligible for SNAP under the exception for residents of federally subsidized housing for the elderly built under either *Section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959* or *Section 236 of the National Housing Act*. A list of known sites that were built under either *Section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959* or *Section 236 of the National Housing Act* is now linked to the page.

**New Online
Guide Chapter
and Page**

Topic: SNAP
Book: Eligibility Requirements
Chapter: Residents of Institutions
Page: Residents of Institutions

Questions

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