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**Online Guide Transmittal 2019-83
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To: Department of Transitional Assistance Staff
From:  Paul Sutliff, Assistant Commissioner for Programs and Field Operations
Re: SNAP: SNAP Attributed Amount (Riverside Rule) Update

Overview

SNAP regulations prohibit an increase in SNAP benefits when a household's benefits under another federal or state means-tested program as defined in 106 CMR 360.030(G) have been decreased or suspended (but not terminated) due to fraud or a failure to comply with a requirement of an Economic Assistance benefit program. This rule is referred to as the Riverside Rule. In these instances, the amount added to the SNAP benefit calculation to reflect the decreased or suspended Economic Assistance benefit is called the SNAP Attributed Amount.

The Online Guide has been updated with clarifications regarding the removal of the SNAP Attributed Amount.

This Online Guide update obsoletes Operations Memo 2006-6: No Increase in FS as a Result of Cash Program Sanction—BEACON Automation of Riverside Rule.

Purpose

The purpose of this transmittal is to inform staff of updates made to the Online Guide.

**Revised Online
Guide Pages**

Topic: SNAP
Book: Case Maintenance
Page: SNAP Attributed Amount

Questions

If you have any policy or procedural questions, after conferring with the appropriate TAO personnel, please have your Systems Information Specialists or TAO management email the DTA Procedural Mailbox.

Systems issues should be directed to the Systems Support Help Desk.
