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**Online Guide Transmittal 2019-21  
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**To: Department of Transitional Assistance Staff**  
**From:  Paul Sutliff, Assistant Commissioner for Programs and Field Operations**  
**Re: SNAP: Separate Household Status for Severely Disabled Individuals**

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**Overview**

A person who lives with others but purchases and prepares meals separate and apart from others can be considered a separate household.

Any person who is:

- considered too disabled to purchase and prepare his/her own food, and
- who has arranged to have food purchased and prepared separately on their behalf

may be granted separate household status. Even if the person(s) who shops for food or prepares meals for the disabled person is residing with the disabled person, the disabled person may claim separate household status.

Separate household status cannot be granted if those individuals purchasing and preparing on behalf of the disabled individual live in the same household as the disabled individual and are subject to mandatory inclusion according to SNAP rules.

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**Purpose**

The purpose of this Online Guide Transmittal is to advise staff of:

- new Online Guide content
  - revised Online Guide content
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**New Online  
Guide Page**

Topic: SNAP  
Book: Eligibility Requirements  
Chapter: Elderly /Disabled  
Page: Separate Household Status – Elderly / Disabled

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**Revised Online  
Guide Pages**

Topic: SNAP  
Book: Eligibility Requirements  
Chapter: Elderly /Disabled  
Page: Elderly or Disabled Clients

Topic: SNAP  
Book: Eligibility Requirements  
Chapter: Household Composition  
Page: Household Composition

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**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 Issues Mailbox.

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

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