

From the Hotline

Since the release of BEACON 2.0.16, a number of questions regarding changes to the food stamp calculations for combination FS/SSFSP AUs have been raised. This month's Hotline Focus will address some of the more common issues concerning this topic. For additional information regarding the food stamp calculation for combination FS/SSFSP AUs, refer to State Letter 1227, 106 CMR 365.520 and BUG # 031.

Q. How is child support income received directly by the AU treated in the combination FS/SSFSP AU calculation?

A. Child support income belongs to the child(ren) in the AU. It should therefore be entered for each child so that the income is correctly attributed.

Q. How is DEFRA income treated in the combination FS/SSFSP AU calculation?

A. DEFRA income belongs to the parent in the AU and should be entered as the parent's income on BEACON so that the income is correctly attributed.

Q. How is SSI income treated in the combination FS/SSFSP AU calculation?

A. SSI income belongs to the AU member for whom it is intended. Therefore, if an applicant receives SSI in his or her name for one of the children, the income should be entered under that child's name on BEACON with the appropriate claim number.

Q. How is RSDI income treated in the combination FS/SSFSP AU calculation?

A. RSDI income belongs to the AU member for whom it is intended. Therefore, if an applicant receives RSDI in his or her name for one of the children, the income should be entered under that child's name on BEACON with the appropriate claim number.

Q. How is Unemployment Compensation income with a dependent allowance treated in the combination FS/SSFSP AU calculation?

A. Unemployment Compensation income with a dependent allowance belongs to the person receiving it. Even when Unemployment Compensation includes a dependent allowance, the full amount is attributable to the adult receiving it.

Restoration of SSFSP Benefits

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- Some SSFSP funding has been made available and the Department will provide SSFSP benefits for the month of July only.
- Notices were sent July 15, 2002 to active AUs with an SSFSP member on file as of the close of business July 11, 2002, informing them that benefits were restored for the month of July only.
- This memo includes AU Manager instructions for issuing SSFSP benefits to AUs approved after July 11, 2002 but eligible for full or prorated July cyclical benefits.

