

# **Legislative Regulation Review Committee**

2010-020

Department of Social Services

**CATEGORICAL ELIGIBILITY FOR SNAP**

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
UNIFORM POLICY MANUAL

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Categorically Eligible Assistance Units	[FS] <u>SNAP</u>

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Subject:
Which Assistance Units are Categorically Eligible

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2545.05 A. Categorically Eligible Unit

An assistance unit is considered categorically eligible for the [Food Stamp] SNAP program if:

1. all members of the assistance unit receive or are authorized to receive benefits under one or more of the following cash assistance programs:
  - a. TFA, including diversion assistance;
  - b. AABD;
  - c. SSI (except if the individual does not meet the [Food Stamp] SNAP technical requirement of citizenship status);
  - d. SAGA individual or family assistance;
  - e. Refugee Assistance; or
2. at least one member of the assistance unit receives or is authorized to receive TANF-funded services under the Help for People in Need Program.
- [2.] 3. the assistance unit meets the criteria in section 2545.05 A.1, but payment of benefits or services is not being made because:
  - a. The cash benefits or TANF-funded services are being recouped;
  - b. The cash benefits amount to less than ten (\$10.00) dollars;
  - c. The cash benefit or TANF-funded service is temporarily suspended due to income received in a prior budget month, under retrospective budgeting; and

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2545.05 A. Categorically Eligible Unit (continued)

- [3.] 4. none of the assistance unit's members have been disqualified, as follows:
- a. the assistance unit has not been disqualified from [FS] SNAP because of failure to comply with any of the following requirements:
    - (1) work registration, participation[,] or job search;
    - (2) voluntary quit; or
  - b. an individual in the household has not been disqualified from [FS] SNAP for:
    - (1) committing an intentional program violation; or
    - (2) failure to comply with the requirements of work registration, participation or job search.

B. Authorized to Receive a Benefit

- 1. To be considered authorized to receive a benefit, the client must:
  - a. be determined eligible for the benefit; and
  - b. must receive notification of the eligibility determination.
- 2. The client's household is categorically eligible if it meets the conditions of subsections B 1.a. and b. [above] of this section, even if the benefits are not used by the household.

C. Categorical Eligibility Assumed Under Certain Conditions

Categorical eligibility of an assistance unit meeting the conditions of subsection A. [above] of this section is assumed at the time of the [FS] SNAP recertification in the absence of a timely cash assistance redetermination.

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2545.05 D. Presence of Other Individuals

1. The institutionalization of a household member does not preclude the members of the assistance unit from being categorically eligible.
2. The presence in the household of the following individuals does not preclude the assistance unit from being considered categorically eligible, even if the individual is the recipient of the benefit or service that confers categorical eligibility:
  - a. ineligible non-citizen (unless the non-citizen is an otherwise mandatory assistance unit member who qualifies for SSI but does not meet the [FS] SNAP technical eligibility requirement for citizenship status);
  - b. ineligible student; or
  - c. ineligible able bodied adult without dependents (ABAWD). [(Cross reference 3512)] (Cross Reference: 3512)

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2545.10 A. For the purposes of [Food Stamp] SNAP eligibility, a categorically eligible assistance unit is considered to have met the following requirements:

1. asset limits;
2. gross and net income limits,
3. residency requirements; and
4. information and documentation concerning:
  - a. social security numbers of the unit's members; and
  - b. sponsored non-citizens.

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# REGULATION

OF

NAME OF AGENCY

Department of Social Services

Concerning

SUBJECT MATTER OF REGULATION

Expanded Categorical Eligibility

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_

Statement of Purpose: The purpose of the proposed regulation is to amend sections 2545.05 and 2545.10 of the Uniform Policy manual (UPM). The proposed amendment expands categorical eligibility for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Categorical eligibility means the household is automatically eligible for SNAP by virtue of being eligible for another means-tested cash assistance program. Currently households in which all members receive cash assistance under the Temporary Family Assistance, State Supplement, Supplemental Security Income, State Administered General Assistance or Refugee Assistance programs are categorically eligible for SNAP. The proposed regulation expands categorical eligibility to include recipients who receive the TANF-funded "Help for People In Need" information and referral service.

**CERTIFICATION**

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Be it known that the foregoing:

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Regulations       Emergency Regulations

Are:

Adopted       Amended as hereinabove stated       Repealed

By the aforesaid agency pursuant to:

Sections 17b-10 of the General Statutes.

Section \_\_\_\_\_ of the General Statutes, as amended by Public Act No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ Public Acts.

Public Act No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the Public Acts.

After publication in the Connecticut Law Journal on 10/20/09, of the notice of the proposal to:

Adopt       Amend       Repeal      such regulations

(If applicable):       And the holding of an advertised public hearing on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREFORE, the foregoing regulations are hereby:

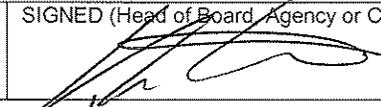
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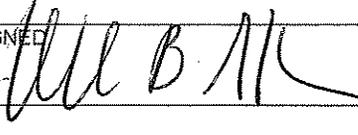
Effective:

When filed with the Secretary of the State.

(OR)

The \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

In Witness Whereof:	Date	SIGNED (Head of Board, Agency or Commission)	OFFICIAL TITLE, DULY AUTHORIZED
	<u>3/17/10</u>		Commissioner

Approved by the Attorney General as to legal sufficiency in accordance with sec. 4-169, as amended C.G.S.	SIGNED	OFFICIAL TITLE, DULY AUTHORIZED
		<u>3/25/10</u> ASSOC. ATTY. GENERAL

- Approved
- Disapproved
- Disapproved in part, (Indicate Section Numbers disapproved only)
- Rejected without prejudice

By the Legislative Regulation Review Committee in accordance with Sec. 4-170, as amended, of the General Statutes.	Date	SIGNED (Clerk of the Legislative Regulation Review Committee)

Two certified copies received and filed, and one such copy forwarded to the Commission in Official Legal Publications in accordance with Section 4-172, as amended, of the General Statutes.

DATE	SIGNED (Secretary of the State.)	BY

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- One copy of all regulations for adoption, amendment or repeal, except emergency regulations, must be presented to the Attorney General for his determination of legal sufficiency. Section 4-169 of the General Statutes.
- Seventeen copies of all regulations for adoption, amendment or repeal, except emergency regulations, must be presented to the standing Legislative Regulation Review Committee for its approval. Section 4-170 of the General Statutes.
- Each regulation must be in the form intended for publication and must include the appropriate regulation section number and section heading. Section 4-172 of the General Statutes.
- Indicate by "(NEW)" in heading if new regulation. Amended regulations must contain new language in capital letters and deleted language in brackets. Section 4-170 of the General Statutes.