

TITLE VII
FOOD PROGRAMS
CHAPTER 65
SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

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441—65.1(234) Definitions.

“*Notice of expiration*” means a message printed on a form prescribed by the department, which is automatically issued to the household.

“*Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program*” or “*SNAP*” means benefits provided by the federal program administered through 7 CFR Parts 270 through 283 (May 2, 2022).

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441—65.2(234) Administration of program. SNAP will be administered in accordance with the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, 7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq. (August 1, 2024); 7 CFR Parts 270 through 283 (May 2, 2022); PL 99-603 (August 1, 2024); PL 104-193 (August 1, 2024); PL 107-171 (August 1, 2024); and with 42 U.S.C. Chapter 7 (January 7, 2011). A copy of the federal law and regulations may be obtained at no more than the actual cost of reproduction by contacting the department.

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441—65.3(234) State options. The state of Iowa has selected SNAP state options that are tailored to meet the state’s operational considerations and policy preferences. These options can be viewed on the U.S Department of Agriculture website under the State Options Report.

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441—65.4(234) Treatment centers and group living arrangements. Substance use treatment or rehabilitation centers and group living arrangements shall provide a list of participating residents to the department on a monthly basis.

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441—65.5(234) Appeals. Fair hearings and appeals are provided according to 441—Chapter 2506.

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441—65.6(234) Proration of benefits. Benefits will be prorated using a 30-day month.

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441—65.7(234) Notice of expiration issuance. Issuance of the automated Notice of Expiration will occur with the mailing of a form prescribed by the department.

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441—65.8(234) Verification. Persons whose applications meet the initial criteria for error-prone cases may be subject to special verification procedures, including a face-to-face interview and additional documentation requirements in accordance with 481—Chapter 72.

Failure to cooperate with the investigations division of the department of inspections, appeals, and licensing in establishing eligibility factors will not result in denial or cancellation of the household’s SNAP benefits. The investigations division will gather as much information as possible without the client’s cooperation. If further information is needed based on those findings, a request for information must be sent to the household.

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441—65.9(234) Prospective budgeting.

65.9(1) *Weekly or biweekly income.* The department will convert income and deductions that occur on a weekly or biweekly basis to monthly figures using family investment program (FIP) procedures.

65.9(2) *Income averaging.* The department will average income by anticipating income fluctuations over the certification period. The number of months used to arrive at the average income should be the number of months that are representative of the anticipated income fluctuation.

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441—65.10(234) Effective date of change. A SNAP change caused by, or related to, a public assistance grant change will have the same effective date as the public assistance change.

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441—65.11(234) Work requirements. As a condition of eligibility for SNAP benefits, each nonexempt household member must comply with SNAP work requirements.

65.11(1) *Deregistration.* Work registrants who obtain employment or otherwise become exempt from the work requirement subsequent to registration or who are no longer certified for participation are no longer considered registered.

65.11(2) *Employment and training (E&T) program.* The department will design and operate an employment and training program with the purpose of providing SNAP participants opportunities to gain skills, training, work, or experience that will increase their ability to obtain regular employment and meet state or local workforce needs in accordance with the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, 7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq. (August 1, 2024).

a. The employment and training program serves individuals who are:

(1) SNAP recipients or SNAP applicants.

(2) Not receiving FIP assistance or other cash assistance under Title IV, such as Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or Refugee Cash Assistance.

(3) Physically and mentally able to work or will be able to work within the next one year.

b. The department or its designee shall serve as the provider of employment and training services for SNAP recipients who wish to volunteer, except for those who are also recipients of FIP benefits. Federal law prohibits FIP recipients from participating in any SNAP E&T program.

c. The program offers a range of services from basic skills to advanced occupational training in order to accommodate persons with various levels of need and abilities. The department or its designee may require a potential E&T participant to engage in aptitude or vocational testing activities when deemed necessary to determine if a component is appropriate for improving employability.

d. The E&T program will be designed in consultation with the state workforce development board or with private employers or employer organizations if the department determines the latter approach is more effective and efficient.

(1) The E&T program will be designed to include case management services and at least one or more or a combination of employment and training components.

(2) An E&T plan will be submitted to the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture annually, in accordance with 7 CFR 273.7(c)(6) (May 2, 2022), and will be amended as necessary within the required time frame prior to implementation.

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441—65.12(234) Income. In determining eligibility, the department will exclude educational income, including any educational loans on which payment is deferred, grants, scholarships, fellowships, veterans' educational benefits, and the like excluded under Title XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 1396 2011 et seq. (August 1, 2024)) for the state's modified adjusted gross income (MAGI)-related medical assistance program, subject to subrule 65.12(4).

65.12(1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in these rules or regulations, the department will exclude educational income based on amounts earmarked by the institution, school, program, or other grantor as made available for the specific costs of tuition, mandatory fees, books, supplies, transportation, and miscellaneous personal expenses (other than living expenses).

65.12(2) If the institution, school, program, or other grantor does not earmark amounts made available for the allowable costs involved, students will receive an exclusion from educational income for educational assistance verified by the student as used for the allowable costs involved. Students can also verify the allowable costs involved when amounts earmarked are less than amounts that would be excluded by a strict earmarking policy.

65.12(3) For the purpose of this rule, mandatory fees include the rental or purchase of equipment, materials and supplies related to the course of study involved.

65.12(4) Certain types of student income will be treated as follows, regardless of how they are considered for MAGI-related medical assistance.

- a. Wages are not excluded.
- b. Federally funded work study is excluded.
- c. State-funded work study is excluded up to the amount earmarked for educational expenses.

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441—65.13(234) Deductions. A household in which all members are homeless may choose the homeless standard deduction in place of the shelter and utility expenses deduction.

65.13(1) Households choosing this option are not required to verify shelter-related expenses.

65.13(2) Households choosing this option are not eligible to receive a shelter or utility deduction.

65.13(3) The amount of the homeless standard deduction is determined by the FNS and adjusted annually.

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441—65.14(234) Student resources. Any income excluded by rule 441—65.12(234) will be excluded from resources.

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441—65.15(234) Reinstatement. When assistance has been canceled for failure to provide requested information, assistance will be reinstated without a new application if all information necessary to establish eligibility, including verification of any changes, is provided within 14 days of the effective date of cancellation and eligibility can be reestablished. If the fourteenth calendar day falls on a weekend or state holiday, the client shall have until the next business day to provide the information. The effective date of assistance will be the date all information required to establish eligibility is provided.

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