

441—65.5(234) Simplified reporting.

65.5(1) Identification. All households are subject to simplified reporting requirements.

65.5(2) Determination of eligibility and benefits. Eligibility and benefits for simplified reporting households shall be determined on the basis of the household's prospective income and circumstances.

65.5(3) Certification periods. Households shall be certified as follows:

a. Households that have no earned income and in which all adult members are elderly or disabled shall be assigned certification periods of 12 months.

b. All other households shall be assigned certification periods of six months.

c. Exceptions:

(1) A household that has unstable circumstances or that includes an able-bodied adult without dependents shall be assigned a shorter certification period consistent with the household's circumstances, but no less than four months.

(2) A shorter certification period may be assigned at application or recertification to match the SNAP recertification date to the family investment program (FIP) or medical assistance annual review date.

65.5(4) Reporting responsibilities. Simplified reporting households are required to report changes as follows:

a. The household shall report if the household's total gross income exceeds 130 percent of the federal poverty level for the household size. The household must report this change within ten days of the end of the month in which the income exceeds this level. A categorically eligible household that reports income over 130 percent of the federal poverty level and that remains eligible for benefits shall not be required to make any additional report of changes.

b. A household containing an able-bodied adult without dependents shall report any change in work hours that brings that adult below 20 hours of work per week, averaged monthly. The household must report this change within ten days of the end of the month in which the change in work hours occurs.

c. The household shall report if a member wins substantial lottery or gambling winnings. Substantial winnings are defined as a cash prize equal to or greater than the maximum allowable financial resource limit for elderly or disabled households. The household must report this change within ten days of the end of the month in which the winning occurs.

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