

5101:4-2-11

**Food stamps: timeliness standard.**

## (A) General standards

- (1) An ~~AG's~~ assistance group's (AG's) eligibility shall be determined and eligible AGs given an opportunity to participate as soon as possible but in any event no later than thirty calendar days after the AG or its representative files the ~~JFS 07200 or CAF~~ application except for residents of public institutions in accordance with paragraph (D) of rule 5101:4-2-01 of the Administrative Code.

AGs which apply for initial months benefits after the fifteenth day of the month under the normal processing timeframes who have completed the ~~JFS 07200 or CAF~~ application and provided all required verification within thirty days of the date of application and have been determined eligible to receive benefits for the initial month of application and the next subsequent month, shall receive their prorated allotment for the initial month of application and their first full month's allotment at the same time.

- (2) AGs found to be ineligible and therefore, denied shall be sent a notice of denial as soon as possible, but not later than thirty days following the date the application was filed. If the AG failed to appear for a scheduled interview and has made no subsequent contact with the county agency to express interest in pursuing the application, the county agency shall send the AG a notice of denial on the thirtieth day following the date of application. The AG must file a new application if it wishes to participate in the program.

In cases where the county agency was able to conduct an interview and request all of the necessary verification on the same day the application was filed and no subsequent requests for verification have been made, the county agency may also deny the application on the thirtieth day if it has provided assistance to the AG in obtaining verifications, but the AG failed to provide the requested verification.

- (3) Reapplication dates will no longer be determined for individual AGs in multiple AG cases independently of one another but will be assigned per each case. Each AG within a case will have the same reapplication date. When different reapplication dates are found within a case, the lowest reapplication date will become the date for all AGs in that case. For example, if a case contains Ohio works first (OWF) ~~OWF~~, medicaid, disability financial assistance (DFA) and food stamp AGs, the OWF and DFA AGs reapply every six months, the medicaid AG once every twelve months and the food stamp AG has been assigned a six month reapplication date, all AGs in this case will be assigned the six month reapplication date and will be reviewed when the food stamp AG is reviewed. If a case consists of a food stamp AG in which all members

~~are elderly or disabled one person receiving medicaid and food stamps~~ and the AG is a stable, unemployable AG the reapplication date for the food stamp AGease will be ~~one year~~ twenty-four months. ~~If the food stamp certification expires with no reapplication review, all~~ All categories of medicaid shall be handled in accordance with rule 5101:1-38-01 of the Administrative Code and OWF/DFA AGs shall be handled in accordance with rule 5101:1-2-10 of the Administrative Code.

(B) Standard for expedited service

AGs with little or no income shall be certified on an expedited basis.

AGs which apply for initial month's benefits after the fifteenth day of the month under the expedited service procedures who have completed the ~~JFS-07200 or CAF~~ application and have been determined eligible to receive benefits for the initial month of application and the next subsequent month, shall receive their prorated allotment for the initial month of application and their first full month's allotment at the same time. If necessary, verification shall be postponed to meet the expedited timeframe.

(C) AGs not entitled to combined allotments

The combined allotment provisions set forth in paragraphs (A) and (B) of this rule do not apply to the following AGs:

- (1) AGs whose initial month's prorated benefits are less than ten dollars.
- (2) AGs determined ineligible to receive benefits for the initial month of application.
- (3) AGs determined ineligible to receive benefits the month subsequent to the initial month's prorated benefits.
- (4) AGs for which verifications which cannot be postponed have not been provided.

(D) Opportunity to participate

An opportunity to participate consists of providing AGs with an electronic benefits transfer (EBT) ~~EBT~~ card or other authorization and having a loading facility as defined in Chapter (1) of the "User's Guide to Food Stamp Delivery" open and available for the AG to obtain its allotment.

(E) Issuance - the first nineteen days of the month

Benefits that are authorized before the twentieth of the month shall expire the last day of the month in which the benefits were authorized. In a direct access system as defined in Chapter (1) of the "User's Guide to Food Stamp Delivery," the AG has until the end of the calendar month to obtain its allotment when the benefit is authorized before the twentieth day of the month.

(F) Issuance - on or after the twentieth of the month

For benefits authorized on or after the twentieth of the month, the period of intended use is through the end of the following calendar month. In a direct access system as defined in Chapter (1) of the "User's Guide to Food Stamp Delivery," the AG has until the end of the following calendar month to obtain its allotment when the benefit is authorized on or after the twentieth of the month.

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