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Recent FAA Policy Changes

Changes to TANF Jobs Program Contractor

One private vendor administers the CA Jobs Program effective 08/22/2023.

Equus Workforce Services provides CA Jobs Program services for all counties in Arizona.

Standard Medical Deduction

EFFECTIVE DATE: For the benefit month of 08/2023 and ongoing

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) approved an increase to FAA's Standard Medical Deduction (SMD) amount.

The SMD amount increases from the net amount of \$125 to \$145.

Purchase and Prepare Separate Verification

The CNAP Manual has been updated to clarify which sources are allowed to be used to verify purchase and prepare separate statements which include, and are not limited to, any of the following:

- A completed official application when the purchase and prepare separate question is answered and the application is signed by the participant.
- A participant's statement.
- The Separate Household Status Statement (FAA-0255A) form.
- The Separate Household Statement (F002) notice.

More information on purchase and prepare separate policy is available at FAA2.A06 titled Determining Budgetary Units.

CA Supportive Services

Clarification has been added to the CNAP Manual to identify who is eligible for CA Supportive Services.

The following budgetary units are eligible to receive CA supportive services:

- Budgetary units who are approved for CA benefits.
- Two parent employment program (TPEP) budgetary units.
- Grant Diversion budgetary units.
- Unwed minor parents.
- Budgetary units who do not receive a cash benefit payment but are approved for CA.

For more information on CA Supportive Services, see FAA1.D02C titled CA Supportive Services.

Elderly Simplified Application Project (ESAP)

The Elderly Simplified Application Project (ESAP) is a demonstration project that allows FAA to simplify the NA application and verification process for budgetary units when all participants are 60 years old or older with no earned or self-employment income.

NOTE In-kind is not considered income for ESAP.

When all participants in the NA case are age 60 or older and no income is keyed on EAIN or SEEI except in-kind income, AZTECS completes all of the following to the NA case:

- Assigns a 36-month approval period.
- Assigns to Simplified Reporting requirements.

Elderly Simplified Application Project

The procedure regarding the Elderly Simplified Application Project (ESAP) renewal process is clarified.

The ESAP Notice of Expiration (NOE) is sent to the ESAP budgetary unit when it is time to reapply. The ESAP Notice of Expiration (X091) notice includes the ESAP renewal application. The ESAP participant is required to complete and return the form or any official application to FAA to continue receiving benefits.

A renewal interview is not required. However, a renewal application cannot be denied without first attempting to schedule an interview.

Elderly Simplified Application Project

When a renewal application is received, FAA reviews the application, case information, and system interface, and completes one of the following:

- Authorizes the benefits when eligible and no discrepancies are found between the application, casefile, and system interface.
- Sends the ESAP appointment notice when one of the following occurs:

The participant requests to be interviewed.

The information provided in the application, obtained from the casefile or system interface is questionable, discrepant or may result in ineligibility.

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When a required interview is not completed by the eligibility determination time frame, the renewal application is denied.

LIBL and STBL Hardship Extension Limits

The CNAP Manual has been updated to clarify the number of times a participant can apply for and be approved for a hardship extension.

For LIBL and STBL hardship extensions, there is no limit to the number of times a participant can apply for and be approved for a hardship extension.

For more information on LIBL and STBL hardship extension policy, see FAA2.M07 titled Lifetime Benefit Limit (LIBL) and State Benefit Limit (STBL) – Overview.

Overpayments Disclosure

A new Data Sharing Agreement (DSA) has been completed between FAA, the Office of Accounts Receivable and Collections (OARC), and the Arizona Department of Gaming.

The purpose of the DSA is to assist OARC with the collection of overpayments. Participants may have lottery winnings withheld to repay an established overpayment.

This information has been added to the CNAP Manual.

***Thank you,
for the opportunity to share this
information with you.***