

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance benefit for certain households receiving NPA food stamp benefits.

This memo describes the eligibility criteria for the SNA benefits and provides guidance to AU Managers on answering client questions about the program.

Eligibility of Iraqi and Afghan Noncitizens with Special Immigration Status for TAFDC and Food Stamps

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Due to recent legislative changes, certain Iraqi and Afghan special immigrants are eligible for public assistance programs such as TAFDC and food stamps.

This memo:

- describes which households are eligible for benefits;
- explains the duration of eligibility for benefits;
- identifies acceptable verifications of special immigrant status; and
- transmits procedures for processing applications for these households.

FYI

Intercepts Due to Outstanding Arrearages

AU Managers are reminded that the federal government regularly intercepts certain federal payments made to clients and former clients - such as income tax refunds - to offset outstanding client food stamp debts. The federal Economic Stimulus payment described in Field Operations Memo 2008-18 is also subject to intercept for these debts. If a client calls inquiring about a reduction or loss of an Economic Stimulus payment, refer the client to the Fraud Investigations and Recoveries Unit at 1-800-462-2607 for information regarding the intercept.

FYI

NEWMMIS

The Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) will be replaced with a new application entitled NewMMIS. NewMMIS is scheduled for deployment on September 29, 2008.

Features include:

- NEWMMIS will be web-based rather than a mainframe application;
- Each individual in a household will have his or her own MassHealth Card;
- The Recipient Eligibility Verifications System (REVS) will be integrated as part of NewMMIS; and
- The MassHealth Card replacement process will change but responsibility for replacing MassHealth Cards and temporary MassHealth Cards will not change.

As information becomes available, you will receive monthly updates on the development of NEWMMIS, training and the mailing of the new MassHealth Cards.

“I have learned over the years that when one’s mind is made up, this diminishes fear; knowing what must be done does away with fear.”

Rosa Parks