

November 29, 2012

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Dear Mr. O'Donnell,

Nebraska Revised Statute 68-1017.02 requires the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to report annually to the Legislature by December 1 on the status of the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) in Nebraska. The report is required to include information on federal options provided to the State with a description of any actions taken by the DHHS in regards to these options, including the number of persons being served through these options.

The report is attached and also includes the most recent United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, SNAP State Options Report (Ninth Edition, November 2010).

If you have any questions, please contact me at 402-471-1878.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Pristow', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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NEBRASKA STATE OPTIONS REPORT FOR LB171
SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
(FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM)
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The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) statutes, regulations and waivers provide Nebraska (NE) with numerous policy options. The NE Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) uses options to remove or reduce barriers to access and participation in the SNAP.

The current State Options Report by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), Ninth Edition, was published in November 2010. See attachment A.

Changes made to the Nebraska SNAP Program since 2011 are not reflected in the State Option Report, Ninth Edition. These changes will be reflected in a future edition of the State Options Report.

The chart on the following pages summarizes FNS' State Options Report and compares options taken by NE to the other 49 states and three territories operating the SNAP.

Please note that Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) is also known as Aid to Dependent Children (ADC).

Further explanation follows the chart.

State Options	Nebraska	# of States/ Territories	All States/Territories
1. Reporting Requirements	Yes. Simplified and Change Reporting.	53	51 are using some Simplified, 1 is only Quarterly, 1 is only Change Reporting and 2 are Simplified and Monthly.
2. Simplified Reporting – Expansion	Yes. Expanded Simplified Reporting.	51	50 are Expanded Simplified Reporting and 1 is Simplified Reporting Earned Income Only. 2 have no Simplified Reporting.
3. Simplified Reporting – Certification Length	Yes. 12-Month Certification Periods.	51	32 are various, 10 are 6-month and 9 are 12-month certification periods. 2 have no Simplified Reporting.
4. Transitional Benefits	Yes	21	21 have transitional benefits. 32 do not.
5. Simplified Income and Resources	Yes. Both.	39	32 are both, 2 are resources only, 5 are income only and 14 do neither.
6. Verification of Deductible Expenses	Child Support (C/S) and Child Care (CC).	53	29 verify C/S, Housing and CC. 8 verify C/S and CC. 1 verifies C/S and Housing. 7 verify C/S only. 5 verify CC only. 3 verify only when questionable.
7. Vehicle Policy	Yes. Exemption greater than \$4,650. NE uses \$12,000.	53	36 exclude all vehicles, 15 exclude at least one vehicle per household, 2 have exemptions greater than \$4,650.
8. Non-Cash Categorical Eligibility (CE). LB 543 established broad based CE as of 10/1/2011	Yes. Broad based and narrow.	41	41 use broad based, 6 narrow and 6 none.
9. Simplified Housing Costs (Homeless).	Yes	26	26 have simplified housing costs for homeless. 27 do not.
10. Simplified Standard Utility Allowance (SUA).	Yes. Mandatory Simplified.	52	46 use Mandatory Simplified, 2 use Mandatory Not Simplified, 4 are Non Mandatory and 1 has no SUA.
11. Simplified Determination of Deductions.	No	8	8 have simplified determination of deductions. 45 do not.
12. Child Support Expense Exclusion.	No	14	14 treat legally obligated child support as an income exclusion. 39 do not.

State Options (cont.)	Nebraska (cont.)	# of States/Territories (cont.)	All States/Territories (cont.)
13. Simplified Self-Employment Determination.	No	18	18 have simplified self-employment determination. 35 do not.
14. State Option SNAP for Eligible Non-Citizens. LB 465 ended State Option SNAP in NE as of 7/1/2011.	No	7	Some purchase SNAP benefits for state option. Others handle independently. 46 do not provide benefits.
15. Ineligible Noncitizens Income & Deductions.	Count all income and deductions.	53	48 prorate for both groups, 2 count all/none, 2 count all/prorate and 1 counts prorate/none.
16. Employment & Training Sanction Periods.	Voluntary program. Option not applicable.	25	18 follow regulatory minimum, 7 extended periods. 28 are not applicable as run a voluntary program.
17. Comparable Disqualification	Yes.	19	19 disqualify when fail to comply with other means-tested programs. 34 do not.
18. Child Support-Related Disqualification	No.	4	4 disqualify. 49 do not.
19. Drug Felony Disqualification. Lifetime, modified or none	Yes. Modified Ban.	53	15 have lifetime, 19 modified and 19 none.
20. Online Applications and Case Management	Yes	25	29 have electronic filing. 24 do not.
21. Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview.	Yes	47	47 waive face-to-face interviews. 6 do not.
22. Call Centers	Yes	30	15 have statewide and 15 have selected regions within state. 23 have none.
23. Document Imaging	Yes	26	14 have statewide and 12 have selected regions within state. 27 have none.
24. Program Integration. File a single application and attend a single interview for multiple programs	Yes. Fully.	47	40 are fully integrated, 7 are partially integrated. 6 are not integrated.

FURTHER DETAIL ON STATE OPTIONS

1. Reporting Requirements

State agencies have the option of requiring SNAP recipients to report their financial circumstances at various intervals and in various ways. Recipients may be required to report changes periodically or within a certain time – typically within 10 days – after certain changes in circumstances occur (known as change reporting). Under periodic reporting, participants report either quarterly, monthly, or under a “simplified” system with reduced reporting requirements. Under the simplified reporting option, households are required to report changes in income between certification and scheduled reporting periods only when total countable income rises above 130 percent of the poverty level. Reporting intervals can be set at 4, 5, or 6 months for 12-month certification periods. Households in which all members are elderly or disabled with no earned income may be given 12-month certification periods (without periodic reporting), or 24-month certification periods (with a 12-month periodic reporting requirement).

NE has a waiver that allows action on all known information. As clients are required to report changes for other economic assistance programs, the change is made for SNAP also. A client may report a decrease in income during their certification period and their SNAP may increase.

Simplified Reporting does not expand initial or continuing SNAP eligibility but may prevent a decrease in a household’s monthly allotment during their certification period. If the household is over 130 percent of the federal poverty level, their SNAP case is closed.

As of October 2012, there are currently 78,677 SNAP households in NE. Of these, 54,958 households are assigned to the Simplified Reporting Option. The Change Reporting Option has 22,525 cases assigned.

NE is currently utilizing this option.

2. Simplified Reporting - Expansion

The Simplified Reporting option allows states to use a reporting system with reduced reporting requirements. Initially, states could only apply this option to earned income households, but passage of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 allowed states to expand Simplified Reporting beyond earned income households. Of the 51 states currently using Simplified Reporting, 50 have expanded it beyond earned income households. Provisions of the Food Conservation & Energy Act of 2008 allowed states to reduce benefits on the basis of change information affecting eligibility and benefit levels in other programs, eliminating the need for states to apply for a waiver to act on this kind of change information received during the certification period.

NE expanded Simplified Reporting to include all households except those containing elderly and disabled members with no earned income. NE is exploring adding those households. If so, all SNAP households would be Simplified Reporting or Transitional Benefit Reporting.

This option does not expand initial or continuing SNAP eligibility but may prevent a decrease in a household's monthly allotment during their certification period.

As of October 2012, there are 22,525 SNAP households assigned to Change Reporting that could be assigned to the expansion of the Simplified Reporting option. Of those, there are only 16,489 SNAP households without an attached Medicaid, TANF, Aid to the Aged, Blind or Disabled (AABD) or Child Care case.

NE is currently utilizing this option.

3. Simplified Reporting- Certification Length

Households certified for SNAP for longer than six months must submit a periodic report at least once every six months, but no more than once every four months during the certification period. Some state agencies have opted to certify simplified reporting households for 12 months, with a periodic report at six months. Others have opted to certify these households for six months. Households in which all members are elderly or disabled with no earned income may be given 12-month certification periods without periodic reporting, or 24-month certification periods with a 12-month periodic reporting requirement.

This option does not expand initial or continuing eligibility for SNAP.

As of October 2012, there are 54,958 SNAP households currently assigned to the Simplified Reporting Option.

NE is currently utilizing this option.

4. Transitional Benefits

This is an option available to states to help support families as they move off Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) cash assistance. Benefits can be continued for up to five months in an amount equal to the amount received by the household prior to TANF termination with adjustments for loss of TANF income. Certification periods can be extended through the last transitional month. Twenty-one States have chosen to provide this work support for the full five months allowed in the legislation. Twenty-one have indicated they extend certification periods to complete the transition. Three have designated additional types of TANF households that cannot be included along with the types excluded from participation by law. Six extend transitional benefits to households leaving non-TANF state agency funded cash programs.

This does not expand initial SNAP eligibility but may increase a household's monthly allotment and certification period.

As of October 2012, there are 1,194 SNAP households enrolled in the Transitional Benefit Option.

NE is currently utilizing this option.

5. Simplified Income and Resources

State agencies have the option to exclude some types of income and resources by aligning SNAP policy with TANF or Medicaid policy. Any income not counted under Section 1931 of Medicaid or TANF can be excluded with some exceptions. The exceptions are wages, salaries, benefits from major assistance programs, regular payments from a government source, worker's compensation, child support payments, and other types determined countable to insure fairness in eligibility determinations. The same option exists for the treatment of resources. Resources that cannot be excluded when using this option are cash, licensed vehicles, and readily available amounts in financial institutions as well as anything determined essential to count by FNS for basic fairness.

NE excluded educational income as income and resources to align with TANF and Medicaid policies. We will continue to explore other simplified definitions of income and resources.

This may expand initial SNAP eligibility; however, impact to date appears negligible and households covered by this option are generally applying for multiple programs so the number of interviews to determine eligibility should remain relatively unchanged.

NE is currently utilizing this option.

6. Verification of Deductible Expenses

In addition to mandatory verification items, state agencies have the option to mandate verification of any other factor which affects household eligibility or allotment level. Additional mandatory verification can be applied throughout the state or limited to certain areas within the state, as long as it is not imposed on a selective, case-by-case basis on particular households. Some common SNAP household expenses that are selected for mandatory verification are child support, housing and child care costs.

NE verifies child support and child care expenses. Other expenses are verified when questionable.

NE is currently utilizing this option. **This option does not expand initial SNAP eligibility but may increase a household's monthly allotment.**

7. Vehicle Policy

States have the option to substitute the vehicle rules used in their TANF assistance programs for SNAP vehicle rules when it results in a lower attribution of household assets. The alternative rules used have allowed 36 states to exclude the value of all vehicles entirely. Of the remaining states, 15 totally exclude the value of at least one vehicle per household. The other two exempt an amount higher than the SNAP's standard auto exemption (currently set at \$4,650) from the fair market value to determine the countable resource value of a vehicle.

Currently, NE uses Child Care Subsidy rules so that if a vehicle is not excluded for another reason (used for income-producing purposes, etc), the first \$12,000 of one vehicle's fair market value is excluded as counting toward the household's SNAP resource limit. If the vehicle's fair market value is over \$12,000, the amount over \$12,000 is counted toward the household's resource limit. Other non-excluded vehicles receive the standard auto exemption (\$4,650) to determine the countable resource value. If the equity value is lower, the lower amount applies to the resource limit.

From October 1, 2011, through September 30, 2012, there were 105 SNAP applications denied for being over the resource limit. At this time, we cannot identify which ones were specifically denied for being over the resource limit due to a vehicle's value.

NE substitutes child care rules, an amount higher than the SNAP's standard auto exemption (\$4,650) from the fair market value of one non-excluded vehicle to determine the countable resource value.

NE is currently utilizing this option. **This option may expand SNAP eligibility.**

8. Non-Cash Categorical Eligibility (CE)

CE for SNAP benefits is advantageous for simplifying eligibility determination by eliminating the requirement for valuation of vehicles and other assets, and the application of the resource test. Households where all members benefit from means-tested cash assistance programs are categorically eligible for SNAP, as are those receiving means-tested non-cash benefits, if the program involved is funded with TBAF or State maintenance of effort (MOE) money. Since states have flexibility in designing their TANF programs used to confer CE, they can tailor their eligibility standards to best meet the needs of their low-income population while ensuring access to and integrity in SNAP.

Some states have established CE through "broad-based" eligibility requirements (such as making brochures available in certain offices or including information/800 numbers about other available programs on SNAP applications). Other states have established CE through "narrow" eligibility requirements (such as requiring the client to be actually enrolled in certain programs such as employment assistance or receiving child care or transportation assistance).

NE expanded categorical eligibility by “narrow” eligibility requirements to households in which one or more members are authorized to receive ADC-Emergency Assistance or Employment First supportive services.

NE expanded categorical eligibility by “broad-based” eligibility requirements in 2011. Only liquid resources that exceed \$25,000 count when determining eligibility. Non-liquid resources are excluded.

A client may be eligible for one but not both expanded categorical eligibility requirements. This may increase initial SNAP eligibility but does not increase a household’s monthly allotment.

LB 543 established broad-based CE as of October 1, 2011. The State Options Report does not yet reflect NE’s updated status.

NE is currently utilizing this option. **This option expands SNAP eligibility.**

9. Simplified Housing Costs (Homeless)

States have the option to use a standard deduction from income of \$143 per month for homeless households with shelter expenses. This option makes it unnecessary for states to justify the level of the homeless shelter cost deduction and for program participants to itemize specific costs.

This does not expand initial SNAP eligibility but may increase a household’s monthly allotment.

NE is currently utilizing this option.

10. Simplified Standard Utility Allowance (SUA)

State agencies electing to use the SUA for all households in place of actual utility costs can adopt the simplified SUA. This eliminates the requirement to prorate the SUA among households that share living space, and it allows public housing residents with shared meters that are charged for only excess utility costs to have the benefit of the SUA as a deduction from income. All State agencies except the Virgin Islands use a Standard Utility Allowance.

This option does not expand initial or continuing SNAP eligibility but may increase a household’s monthly allotment.

NE is currently utilizing this option.

11. Simplified Determination of Deductions

In order to streamline case handling procedures and lessen vulnerability to payment errors for minor discrepancies, states can elect to disregard changes in certain deduction amounts during certification periods. The deductions affected are the ones for child care expenses, child support payments made, medical expenses, and shelter costs at the same residence.

This option does not expand initial or continuing eligibility for SNAP. It lessens reporting requirements during a SNAP certification and may result in SNAP benefits not being decreased during a certification period if the changes are covered under the reduced reporting requirements.

In NE, if a client has to report income changes per more stringent rules for other programs, or information is known to the agency, action will be taken on the SNAP as well.

NE is not currently utilizing this option.

12. Child Support Expense Exclusion (Number 12 on “State Options” chart)

States have the option to treat legally obligated child support payments made to nonhousehold members as income exclusion rather than a deduction.

Under this option, the amount of an applicant’s child support paid out will be excluded from the gross monthly income guideline rather than treating it as a deduction from income once the applicant passes the gross income test. **This option would expand initial SNAP eligibility.**

NE is not currently utilizing this option.

13. Simplified Self-Employment Determination

States have the option to adopt a simplified method for determining the cost of doing business in cases where an applicant is self-employed. Should a state decide to adopt a simplified method, the state agency has flexibility to develop a method to calculate this cost – a flat percentage, a figure based on average costs, or some other method. Some states use different figures/methods for different types of self-employment. At present, 18 states have adopted a simplified method for determining the costs of doing business for self-employed applicant income. Of these, 15 use a flat percentage of gross income applied to all types of self-employment.

Two states (Michigan and Indiana) use different percentages depending on the type of self-employment. One state (Washington) uses a flat \$100 or actual expenses, whichever is greater.

This option will not expand initial or continuing SNAP eligibility but could increase some clients' benefits and decrease other clients' benefits during their certification period.

NE is not currently utilizing this option.

14. State Option SNAP for Eligible Non-Citizens

The Supplemental Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 1997 included authority for states to purchase SNAP benefits from the federal government for use in a state-funded food assistance program for non-citizens who were lawfully present in the United States. This was in response to the limitations on non-citizen eligibility for SNAP contained in the 1996 Welfare Reform Act. States design the eligibility requirements for their State-funded programs. Some states have chosen not to purchase SNAP benefits from FNS for their program participants. Instead, they handle benefit issuance and redemption activities independently. The size of these programs has diminished significantly with the passage of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 that incrementally restored SNAP eligibility to major groups of legal immigrants. The last of these restorations occurred in October 2003, when qualified alien children less than 18 years of age regained eligibility. States may opt, however, to continue these programs to serve lawfully-present non-citizen adults ineligible for the Federal SNAP during their first five years in residence.

As of July 1, 2011, NE is no longer utilizing this option. The State Options Report does not yet reflect NE's updated status. **This option would expand SNAP eligibility.**

15. Ineligible Non-Citizens Income & Deductions

Ineligible aliens fall into two general categories: 1) those who are unable or unwilling to provide documentation of immigration status, and 2) those classes of noncitizens listed in 7 CFR 273.11(c)(3)(i)(A) through (G). The second category generally includes persons who were lawfully admitted to the United States and have provided documentation of their immigration status. For each of these categories, state agencies have two options. For the first category, they may count all income and deductions, or a prorated share. For the second category, they may count none of the income and deductions (with the allotment capped at the level that an all-eligible household would get), or a prorated share.

NE counts all income and deductions. NE is reviewing regulations so the State Options Report does not accurately reflect NE's status. **This option may expand initial SNAP eligibility.** It may increase or decrease monthly allotments.

16. Employment & Training Sanction Periods

Individuals who are required to register for work in order to receive benefits may be enrolled into a state's E&T program to receive assistance preparing for and finding employment. If they fail to

participate in planned E&T activities without good cause, they are disqualified from the SNAP for certain periods of time depending on how many prior instances of non-compliance there have been. The minimum periods set by law are one month for the first instance, three months for the second, and six months for the third. SNAP policy gives states the options to: 1) set disqualification periods longer than these minimum mandatory periods, 2) make the disqualification permanent upon the third occurrence; and 3) sanction the entire household whenever the head of household fails to comply with E&T program requirements.

NE runs a voluntary program and is not utilizing this option.

17. Comparable Disqualification

State agencies may disqualify SNAP applicants or recipients who fail to perform actions required by other means-tested programs, primarily TANF. **This option does not expand initial SNAP eligibility** nor will it increase monthly allotments.

NE is currently utilizing this option.

18. Child Support-Related Disqualification

States have the option to disqualify individuals who fail to cooperate with child support enforcement agencies, who are in arrears in court-ordered child support payments, or both. **This option will not expand initial SNAP eligibility** nor will it increase SNAP monthly benefits.

NE is not currently utilizing this option.

19. Drug Felony Disqualification

Welfare reform legislation permanently disqualifies people from SNAP participation if they have been convicted of a state or federal felony offense involving the use or sale of drugs. State legislatures can opt out of the penalty entirely or choose to impose less severe restrictions. Examples of these modified approaches are: 1) limiting the circumstances in which permanent disqualification applies, such as only when convictions involve the *sale* of drugs, 2) requiring the person convicted to submit to drug testing; 3) requiring participation in a drug treatment program; and/or 4) imposing a temporary disqualification period.

In NE, LB301 mandates a modified approach to the drug felony disqualification.

NE is currently utilizing this option.

This option reduces SNAP eligibility.

20. Online Applications and Case Management

Twenty-nine states provide applicants for SNAP with the opportunity to apply for benefits online. This option has been fully implemented statewide in 25 states, and is limited to certain counties or project areas in the remaining four states. Many state websites also allow clients to view information about their case or report changes in factors that affect eligibility or benefit level. In 12 states, clients can view case information online, and in 13 states, clients can report changes online.

NE provides applicants for the SNAP and other economic assistance programs with the opportunity to apply for benefits online by computer at a website (ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov). NE allows applicants to submit the application with an electronic “e-Signature,” report changes online and view case information online. Applicants may apply for multiple programs on the same application. Additionally, NE provides a self-screening tool on-line. The on-line application was available mid-September 2008. The Spanish on-line application and screening tool was available November 10, 2008. The department has computers in local offices for applicants to use to apply online. We are sharing information with community agencies and other advocates and asking community agencies for their support with the online application process.

The DHHS received 23,049 total (paper and electronic) applications for all programs in October 2012. Of the total applications received in October 2012, 14,982 were electronic applications (65 percent). Of the electronic applications, 37 percent were received during non-work hours.

The total number of electronic applications for all programs submitted from October 1, 2011, through September 30, 2012, was 168,275. Of the electronic applications, 61,802 (37 percent) were received during non-work hours.

This option does not expand initial eligibility for SNAP.

NE is currently utilizing this option.

21. Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview

Regulations at 7 CFR 273.2(e) require that state agencies conduct a face-to-face interview at initial certification and at least once every 12 months thereafter, as part of the certification process. States may opt to request a waiver of the requirement that all households receive a face-to-face interview, either at initial certification or at recertification. In lieu of the face-to-face interview, interviews are conducted by telephone, although the state must retain the option of conducting a face-to-face interview if it is determined that one is appropriate, or if the applicant requests a face-to-face interview.

Eligibility workers gather the same information and take the same actions during a telephone interview as during a face-to-face interview. **This option does not expand initial eligibility for SNAP eligibility.**

NE is currently utilizing this option for initial and recertification interviews.

22. Call Centers

Call centers provide support to the certification process in local offices by reducing the time local certification offices spend answering phone calls concerning general SNAP information, application and benefit status information, application and recertification interviews, customer complaints, and processing changes. In some states, call centers go beyond these functions to directly certify and re-certify households. Call centers can help reduce errors caused by unreported changes, high workloads, and unanswered phone/voice mail messages. Benefits include task specialization, prompt customer service, measurable work performance, dedicated phone lines, and the ability to reinforce change reporting with one phone number for participants to remember.

This does not expand initial eligibility for SNAP eligibility.

NE completed transition to the ACCESSNebraska service delivery model. ACCESSNebraska utilizes a single access telephone number to connect with the four Customer Service Centers located across the state. Economic Assistance programs utilize a universal case management system which places work and case into queue according to work needing to be done. ACCESSNebraska maintains local office locations and has two Document Imaging Centers that accept applications, forms and verifications from customers.

NE is currently utilizing this option.

The State Options Report does not yet reflect NE's updated status.

23. Document Imaging

Document imaging is the process of scanning paper documents and converting them to digital images that are then stored in an electronic format. This technology allows state agencies to create paperless or less paper intensive certification systems, cutting the expenses and space requirements associated with the storage and maintenance of certification record documentation and increasing the efficiency of the certification process. This technology may be used to scan permanent verification documents (such as birth certificates or alien registration), temporary verification (such as wage stubs, rent receipts, or bank statements), or entire case records (including signed applications, monthly report forms, or submitted change report forms).

NE implemented document imaging for entire case files.

This option does not expand initial eligibility for SNAP eligibility.

24. Program Integration (Number 24 on “State Options” chart)

Because state agencies are responsible for administering the program, they have the option to integrate the eligibility and intake process for SNAP with Medicaid or to keep these processes completely separate. For the purpose of this survey, eligibility and intake of these programs is considered integrated if an applicant household files a single application and attends a single interview for multiple programs. Currently, 40 states have completely integrated programs. In addition, seven states have partially integrated programs in which eligibility and intake for SNAP and Medicaid are integrated only for certain populations or in certain areas of the state. NE is fully integrated.

NE is utilizing this option.

This option does not expand SNAP eligibility.

25. Names for SNAP

As of October 1, 2008, SNAP is the new name for the federal Food Stamp Program in NE. It stands for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, and reflects the changes that have been made to meet the needs of clients, including a focus on nutrition and an increase in benefit amounts. The name change was mandated by the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008.

NE uses the name SNAP.

OTHER:

Report Changes (ACCESSNebraska)

A client who is currently receiving benefits and has a change to report may report changes electronically via ACCESSNebraska. The client enters their name, birth date and the last four numbers of the Social Security number and enters their change electronically. **This does not expand initial SNAP eligibility.**

SNAP-Ed (former Nutrition Education) Program and Outreach Initiatives

All states, except Guam, have SNAP-Ed programs. In addition, some states have formal Outreach Programs to increase program participation. A number of additional states conduct informal outreach activities.

The DHHS contracts with the University of NE to deliver SNAP-Ed. One component of the contract is to conduct informal outreach activities.

The DHHS also partners with community agencies and advocates increasing outreach primarily through ACCESSNebraska and the electronic application. Clients may still apply using the paper application.

The DHHS presents information at area events. We launched public service announcements on the radio and television for ACCESSNebraska web services. Business cards are available with the web address on them to include in mailings and to hand to clients in our office lobbies. There is a brochure and flyer, also translated in to Spanish.

This does not expand initial SNAP eligibility.

LB 453 in 2011 required NE to implement a formal SNAP outreach plan. Effective October 1, 2011, NE implemented a formal outreach plan with the Good Neighbor Community Center in Lincoln. NE is currently working on an updated formal outreach plan for 2012 to include additional community organizations.

Expanded Resource Program

The 2011 Legislature passed Legislative Bill 543, which created a Department of Health and Human Services “Expanded Resource Program” (ERP), a broad-based, non-cash categorical assistance program as noted in Number 8 on the options report. The ERP has the same gross and net income limits as the regular SNAP Program, but the ERP has increased resource limits. The ERP only counts liquid resources that exceed \$25,000 when determining resource eligibility. All nonliquid resources are excluded. If a SNAP household meets the ERP income and resource guidelines, the household meets the resource guideline for SNAP. When total countable resources are below \$25,000, a client’s declaration on resources is sufficient. Client declaration on shelter and utility expenses is also accepted.

This option expands initial SNAP eligibility.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

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The statutes, regulations, and waivers of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as the Food Stamp Program) provide State agencies with various policy options. State agencies use this flexibility to adapt their programs to meet the needs of eligible, low-income people in their States. Certain options may facilitate program design goals such as removing or reducing barriers to access for low-income families and individuals, providing better support for those working or looking for work. This flexibility helps States better target benefits to those most in need, streamline program administration and field operations, and coordinate SNAP activities with those of other programs.

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) intermittently surveys State agencies administering SNAP to determine which options are in use. Information about State agency choices among options is subject to frequent change. **This report catalogs State options in effect as of November 2010.** Several States have reported plans to implement various options at later dates. Those choices will be reflected in future editions of this report.

This edition tracks many of the State Options featured in previous Reports, including Simplified Reporting (SR), Narrow and Broad-Based Categorical Eligibility, and the Standard Utility Allowance (SUA) options, among others.

Two options that are new to the report are the Verification of Deductible Expenses and the State Names for SNAP. In addition to mandatory verification items, State agencies have the option to mandate verification of any other factor which affects household eligibility or allotment level. This State Options Report tracks three common expenses that States choose to verify: child support, housing and child care costs. Historically, some States have opted to use their own names for their State programs. On October 1, 2008, SNAP became the new name for the Federal Food Stamp Program. Many States opted to change their program name to SNAP; other States kept the Food Stamp Program and still others use their own unique program names. In addition to a new page in the Options Profiles, the name of every State program is now listed in the State Profiles section of this report.

Another new feature of this edition of the Report is the inclusion of regulatory citations in the upper right-hand corner of each option profile page. These will help guide the reader to the relevant provisions found in Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Section One of the report describes the options and lists the States that have selected each option. Section Two lists the 53 State agencies and the status of each State agency in relation to each policy option. Please contact FNS, SNAP, Program Development Division, at (703) 305-2437 or 305-2407 with questions, corrections, or suggestions about this edition of the State Options Report.

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SECTION ONE:

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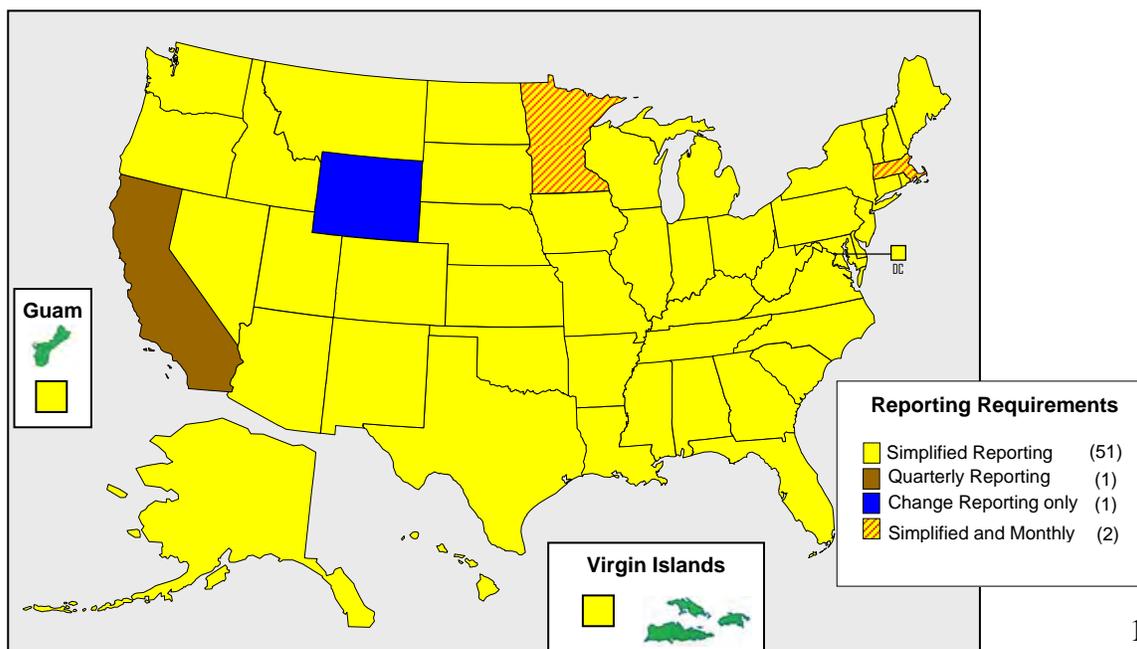
Reporting Requirements

273.12(a)

State agencies have the option of requiring SNAP recipients to report their financial circumstances at various intervals and in various ways. Recipients may be required to report changes periodically or within a certain time – typically within 10 days – after certain changes in circumstances occur (known as change reporting). Under periodic reporting, participants report either quarterly, monthly, or under a “simplified” system with reduced reporting requirements. Under the simplified reporting option, households are required to report changes in income between certification and scheduled reporting periods only when total countable income rises above 130 percent of the poverty level. Reporting intervals can be set at 4, 5, or 6 months for 12 month certification periods. Households in which all members are elderly or disabled with no earned income may be given 12 month certification periods (without periodic reporting), or 24 month certification periods (with a 12 month periodic reporting requirement).

Simplified Reporting			Quarterly Reporting	Change Reporting	
51			1	24	
ALABAMA	KENTUCKY	NORTH DAKOTA	CALIFORNIA	ALASKA	NEW HAMPSHIRE
ALASKA	LOUISIANA	OHIO		ARIZONA	NEW JERSEY
ARIZONA	MAINE	OKLAHOMA	Monthly Reporting	CALIFORNIA	NEW MEXICO
ARKANSAS	MARYLAND	OREGON		COLORADO	NEW YORK
COLORADO	MASSACHUSETTS	PENNSYLVANIA	2	DIST OF COLUMBIA	NEVADA
CONNECTICUT	MICHIGAN	RHODE ISLAND	MASSACHUSETTS	COLUMBIA	OKLAHOMA
DELAWARE	MINNESOTA	SOUTH CAROLINA		MINNESOTA	OREGON
DIST. OF COLUMBIA	MISSISSIPPI	SOUTH DAKOTA	MINNESOTA	HAWAII	SOUTH DAKOTA
FLORIDA	MISSOURI	TENNESSEE		MONTANA	TEXAS
GEORGIA	MONTANA	TEXAS	NEBRASKA	MICHIGAN	UTAH
GUAM	NEBRASKA	UTAH		MONTANA	WISCONSIN
HAWAII	NEVADA	VERMONT		NEBRASKA	WYOMING
IDAHO	NEW HAMPSHIRE	VIRGIN ISLANDS			
ILLINOIS	NEW JERSEY	VIRGINIA			
INDIANA	NEW MEXICO	WASHINGTON			
IOWA	NEW YORK	WEST VIRGINIA			
KANSAS	NORTH CAROLINA	WISCONSIN			

NOTE: The reporting method(s) selected may be applied to only some household types within the State.

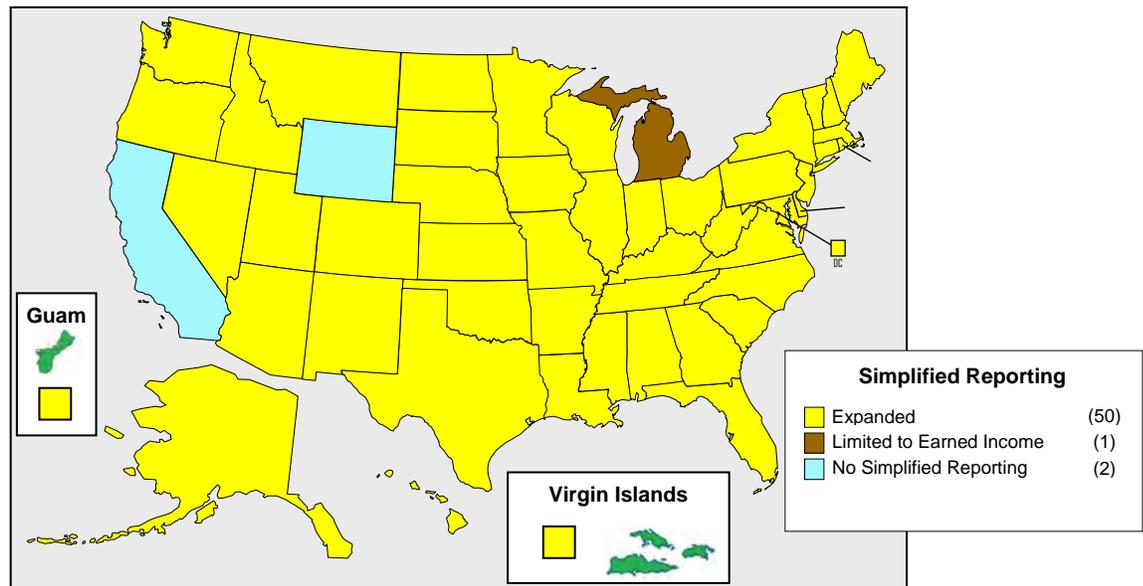


Simplified Reporting - Expansion

273.12(a)(5)

The Simplified Reporting option allows States to use a reporting system with reduced reporting requirements. Initially, States could only apply this option to earned income households, but passage of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 allowed States to expand simplified reporting beyond earned income households. Of the 51 States currently using Simplified Reporting, 50 have expanded it beyond earned income households. Provisions of the Food Conservation & Energy Act of 2008 allowed States to reduce benefits on the basis of change information affecting eligibility and benefit levels in other programs, eliminating the need for States to apply for a waiver to act on this kind of change information received during the certification period.

Expanded Simplified Reporting				Simplified Reporting - Earned Income Households Only
50				1
ALABAMA ALASKA ARIZONA ARKANSAS COLORADO CONNECTICUT DELAWARE DIST. OF COLUMBIA FLORIDA GEORGIA GUAM HAWAII	IDAHO ILLINOIS INDIANA IOWA KANSAS KENTUCKY LOUISIANA MAINE MARYLAND MASSACHUSETTS MINNESOTA MISSISSIPPI	MISSOURI MONTANA NEBRASKA NEVADA NEW HAMPSHIRE NEW JERSEY NEW MEXICO NEW YORK NORTH CAROLINA NORTH DAKOTA OHIO OKLAHOMA OREGON	PENNSYLVANIA RHODE ISLAND SOUTH CAROLINA SOUTH DAKOTA TENNESSEE TEXAS UTAH VERMONT VIRGIN ISLANDS VIRGINIA WASHINGTON WEST VIRGINIA WISCONSIN	MICHIGAN

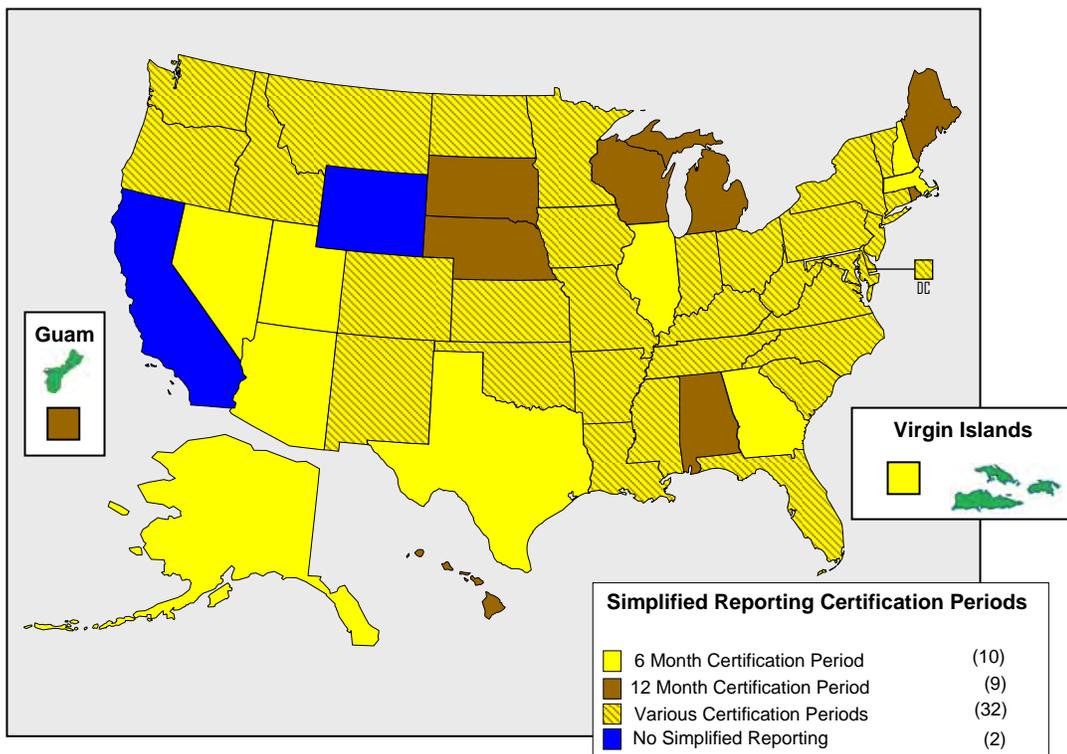


Simplified Reporting - Certification Length

273.12(a)(5)

Households certified for SNAP for longer than 6 months must submit a periodic report at least once every 6 months but no more than once every 4 months during the certification period. Some State agencies have opted to certify simplified reporting households for 12 months, with a periodic report at 6 months. Others have opted to certify these households for 6 months. Households in which all members are elderly or disabled with no earned income may be given 12 month certification periods without periodic reporting, or 24 month certification periods with a 12 month periodic reporting requirement.

Various Certification Periods Depending on Household Characteristics		6 Month Certification Periods	12 Month Certification Periods
32		10	9
ARKANSAS- 12/24 COLORADO- 6/24 CONNECTICUT- 12/24 DELAWARE- 12/24 DIST. OF COLUMBIA- 6/12/24 FLORIDA- 6/24 IDAHO- 6/24 IOWA- 6/12 INDIANA- 6/12 KANSAS- 12/24 KENTUCKY- 6/12 LOUISIANA – 12/24 MARYLAND- 6/12/24 MINNESOTA- 6/12/24 MISSISSIPPI- 6/12/24 MISSOURI- 12/24	MONTANA- 6/12 NEW JERSEY- 12/24 NEW MEXICO- 12/24 NEW YORK- 6/12 NORTH CAROLINA- 6/12 NORTH DAKOTA- 6/12 OHIO- 4,5,6/12/24 OKLAHOMA- 12/24 OREGON- 6/12 PENNSYLVANIA- 12/24 SOUTH CAROLINA- 6/24 TENNESSEE- 6/12 VERMONT- 6/12/24 VIRGINIA- 6/12/24 WASHINGTON- 6/12 WEST VIRGINIA- 6/24	ALASKA ARIZONA GEORGIA ILLINOIS MASSACHUSETTS NEVADA NEW HAMPSHIRE TEXAS UTAH VIRGIN ISLANDS	ALABAMA GUAM HAWAII MAINE MICHIGAN NEBRASKA RHODE ISLAND SOUTH DAKOTA WISCONSIN

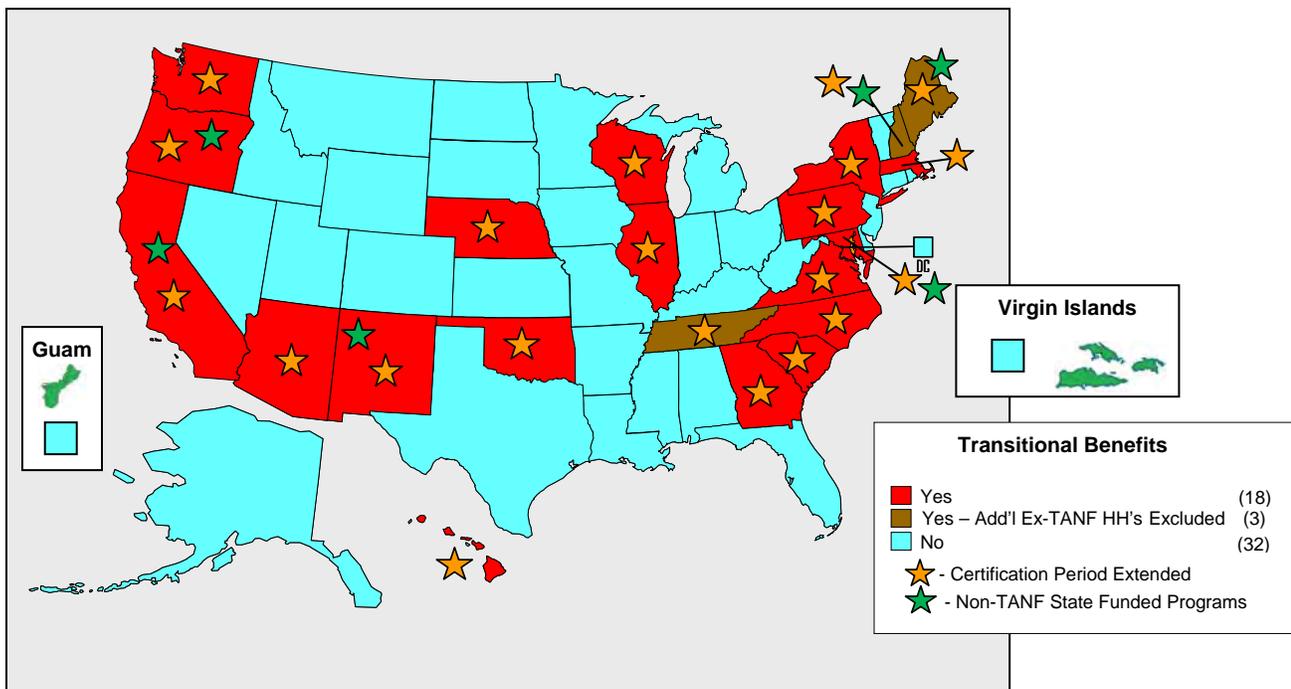


Transitional Benefits

273.26

This is an option available to States to help support families as they move off Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) cash assistance. Benefits can be continued for up to five months in an amount equal to the amount received by the household prior to TANF termination with adjustments for loss of TANF income. Certification periods can be extended through the last transitional month. Twenty-one States have chosen to provide this work support for the full five months allowed in the legislation. Twenty-one have indicated they extend certification periods to complete the transition. Three have designated additional types of TANF households that cannot be included along with the types excluded from participation by law. Six extend transitional benefits to households leaving non-TANF State agency funded cash programs.

Transitional Benefits		Certification Extension		Additional Households Excluded	Transitional Benefits for Non-TANF State Funded Cash Programs
21		21		3	6
ARIZONA CALIFORNIA GEORGIA HAWAII ILLINOIS MAINE MARYLAND MASSACHUSETTS NEBRASKA NEW HAMPSHIRE NEW MEXICO	NEW YORK NORTH CAROLINA OKLAHOMA OREGON PENNSYLVANIA SOUTH CAROLINA TENNESSEE VIRGINIA WASHINGTON WISCONSIN	ARIZONA CALIFORNIA GEORGIA HAWAII ILLINOIS MAINE MARYLAND MASSACHUSETTS NEBRASKA NEW HAMPSHIRE NEW MEXICO	NEW YORK NORTH CAROLINA OKLAHOMA OREGON PENNSYLVANIA SOUTH CAROLINA TENNESSEE VIRGINIA WASHINGTON WISCONSIN	MAINE NEW HAMPSHIRE TENNESSEE	CALIFORNIA MARYLAND MASSACHUSETTS NEW HAMPSHIRE NEW MEXICO OREGON

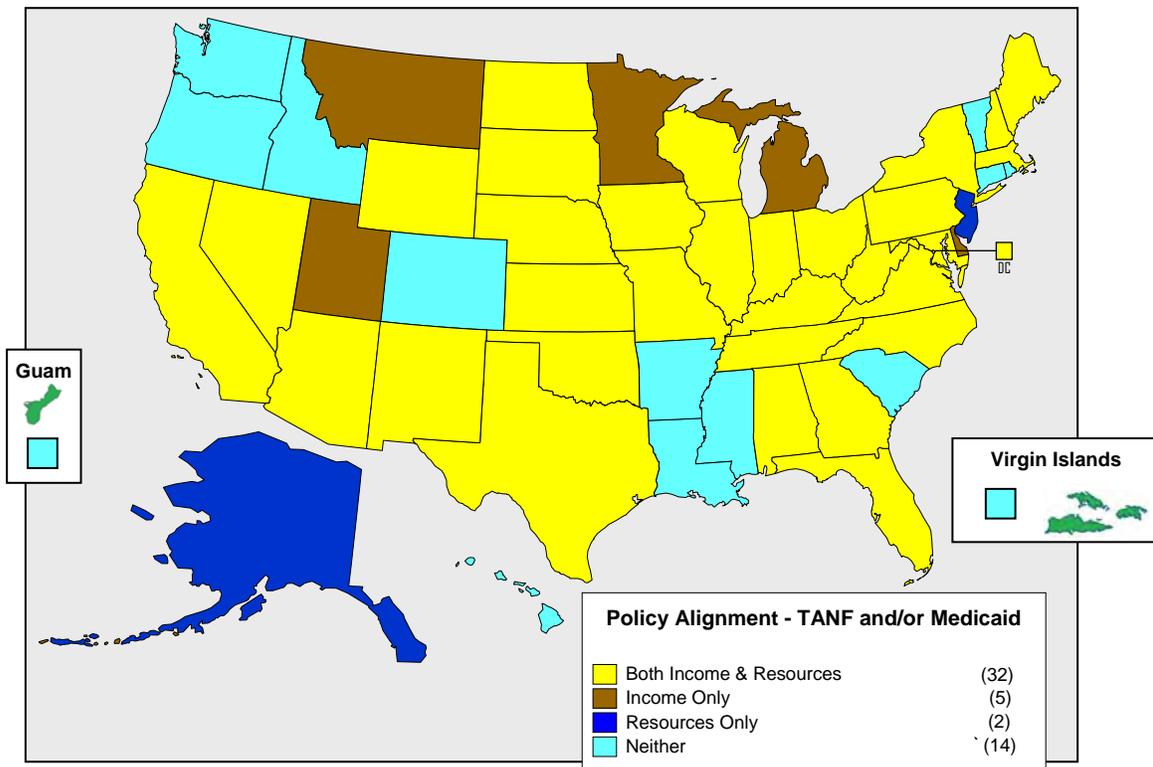


Simplified Income and Resources

273.9(c)(19)

State agencies have the option to exclude some types of income and resources by aligning SNAP policy with TANF or Medicaid policy. Any income not counted under Section 1931 of Medicaid or TANF can be excluded with some exceptions. The exceptions are wages, salaries, benefits from major assistance programs, regular payments from a government source, worker’s compensation, child support payments, and other types determined countable to insure fairness in eligibility determinations. The same option exists for the treatment of resources. Resources that cannot be excluded when using this option are cash, licensed vehicles, and readily available amounts in financial institutions as well as anything determined essential to count by FNS for basic fairness.

Simplified Definition of Income	Simplified Definition of Resources	Both		
5	2	32		
DELAWARE MICHIGAN MINNESOTA MONTANA UTAH	ALASKA NEW JERSEY	ALABAMA ARIZONA CALIFORNIA DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FLORIDA GEORGIA ILLINOIS INDIANA IOWA KANSAS KENTUCKY	MAINE MARYLAND MASSACHUSETTS MISSOURI NEBRASKA NEVADA NEW HAMPSHIRE NEW MEXICO NEW YORK NORTH CAROLINA NORTH DAKOTA	OHIO OKLAHOMA PENNSYLVANIA SOUTH DAKOTA TENNESSEE TEXAS VIRGINIA WEST VIRGINIA WISCONSIN WYOMING



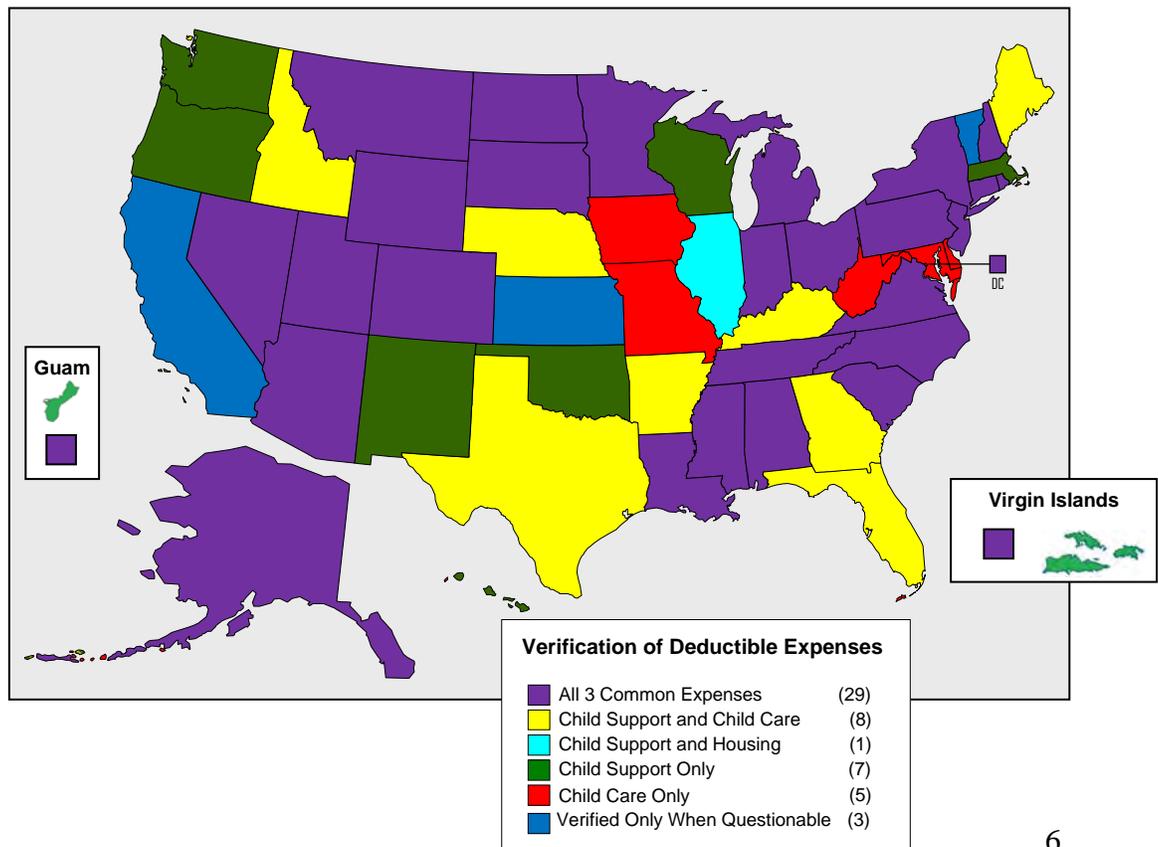
Verification of Deductible Expenses

273.2(f)(3)



In addition to mandatory verification items, State agencies have the option to mandate verification of any other factor which affects household eligibility or allotment level. Additional mandatory verification can be applied throughout the State or limited to certain areas within the State, as long as it is not imposed on a selective, case by case basis on particular households. Some common SNAP household expenses that are selected for mandatory verification are child support, housing and child care costs.

Child Support, Housing and Child Care Costs		Child Support and Child Care	Child Support and Housing	Child Support Only	Child Care Only	Verify Only When Questionable
29		8	1	7	5	3
ALABAMA ALASKA ARIZONA COLORADO CONNECTICUT DIST. OF COLUMBIA GUAM INDIANA LOUISIANA MICHIGAN MINNESOTA MISSISSIPPI MONTANA NEVADA NEW HAMPSHIRE	NEW JERSEY NEW YORK NORTH CAROLINA NORTH DAKOTA OHIO PENNSYLVANIA RHODE ISLAND SOUTH DAKOTA SOUTH CAROLINA TENNESSEE UTAH VIRGINIA VIRGIN ISLANDS WYOMING	ARKANSAS FLORIDA GEORGIA IDAHO KENTUCKY MAINE NEBRASKA TEXAS	ILLINOIS	HAWAII MASSACHUSETTS NEW MEXICO OKLAHOMA OREGON WASHINGTON WISCONSIN	DELAWARE IOWA MARYLAND MISSOURI WEST VIRGINIA	CALIFORNIA KANSAS VERMONT

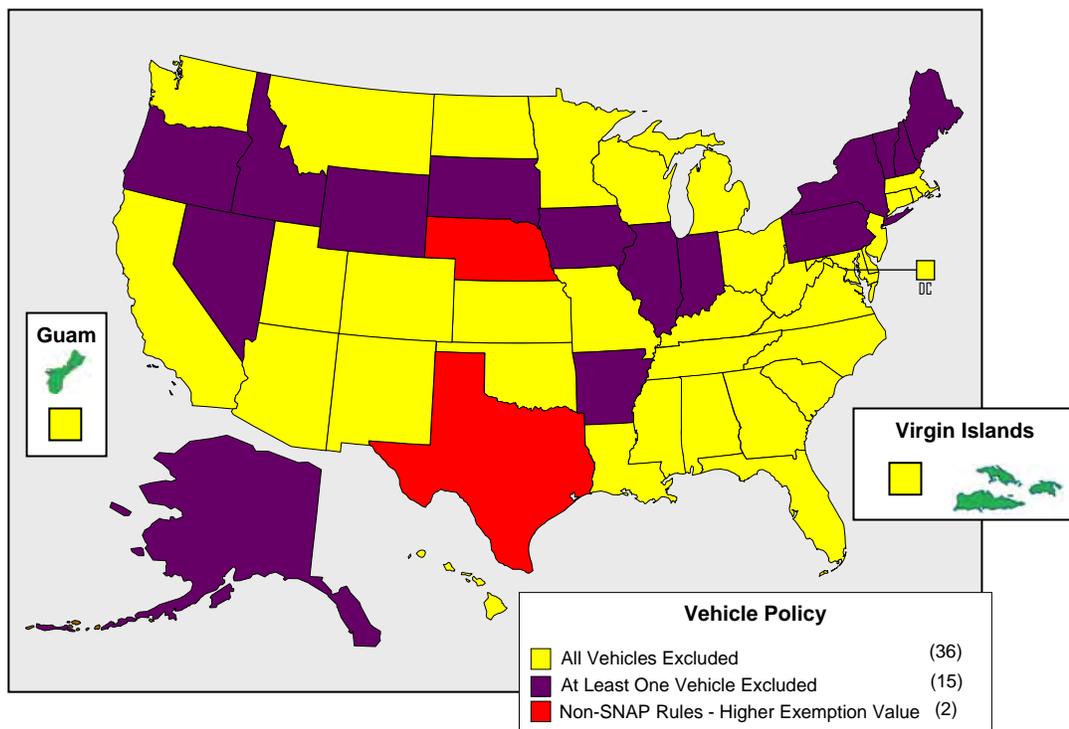


Vehicle Policy

273.8(f)

States have the option of substituting the vehicle rules used in their TANF assistance programs for SNAP vehicle rules when it results in a lower attribution of household assets. The alternative rules used have allowed 36 States to exclude the value of all vehicles entirely. Of the remaining States, 15 totally exclude the value of at least one vehicle per household. The other two exempt an amount higher than the SNAP’s standard auto exemption (currently set at \$4,650) from the fair market value to determine the countable resource value of a vehicle.

All Vehicles Excluded			At Least One Vehicle Per Household Excluded	Exemption > \$4,650
36			15	2
ALABAMA ARIZONA CALIFORNIA COLORADO CONNECTICUT DELAWARE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FLORIDA GEORGIA GUAM HAWAII KANSAS KENTUCKY LOUISIANA MARYLAND	MASSACHUSETTS MICHIGAN MINNESOTA MISSISSIPPI MISSOURI MONTANA NEW JERSEY NEW MEXICO NORTH CAROLINA NORTH DAKOTA OHIO OKLAHOMA RHODE ISLAND SOUTH CAROLINA TENNESSEE	UTAH VIRGIN ISLANDS VIRGINIA WASHINGTON WEST VIRGINIA WISCONSIN	ALASKA ARKANSAS IDAHO ILLINOIS INDIANA IOWA MAINE NEVADA NEW HAMPSHIRE NEW YORK OREGON PENNSYLVANIA SOUTH DAKOTA VERMONT WYOMING	NEBRASKA TEXAS



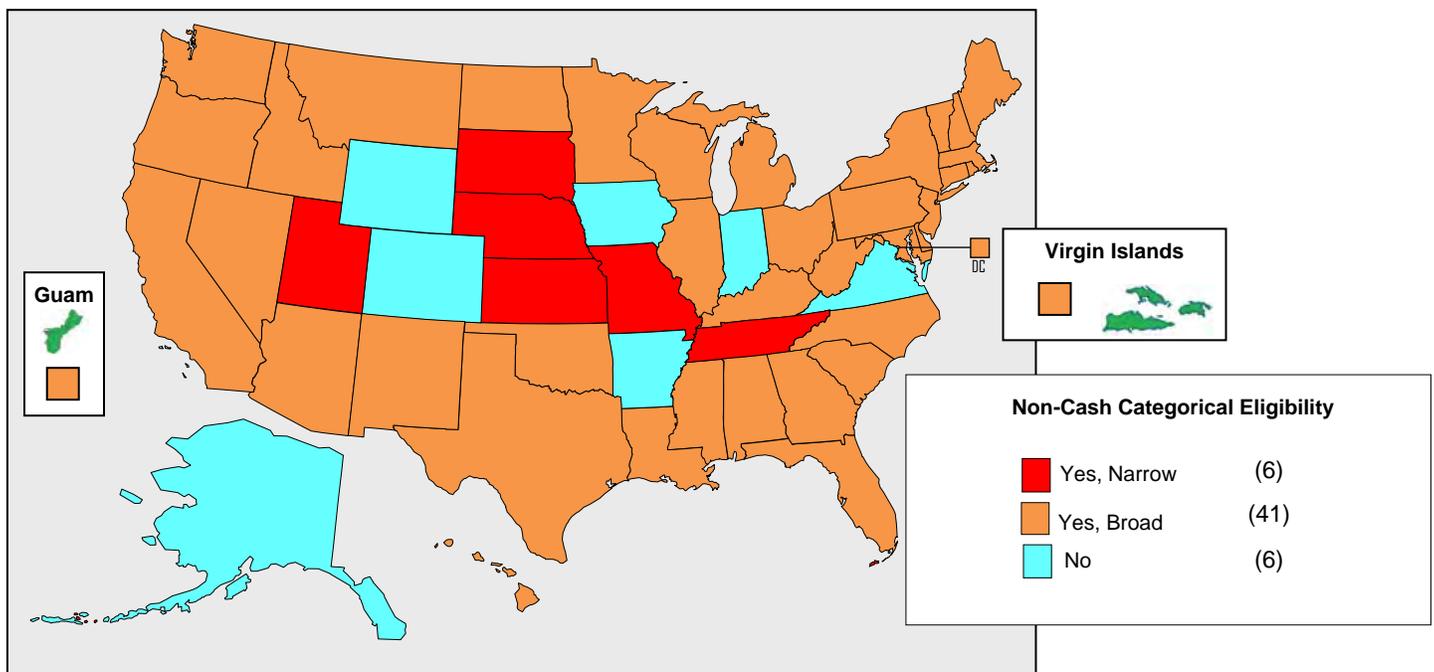
Non-Cash Categorical Eligibility (CE)

273.2(j)(2)(ii)

CE for SNAP benefits is advantageous for simplifying eligibility determination by eliminating the requirement for valuation of vehicles and other assets, and the application of the resource test. Households where all members benefit from means-tested cash assistance programs are categorically eligible for SNAP, as are those receiving means-tested non-cash benefits, if the program involved is funded with TANF or State maintenance of effort (MOE) money. Since States have flexibility in designing their TANF programs used to confer CE, they can tailor their eligibility standards to best meet the needs of their low-income population while ensuring access to and integrity in SNAP. Some States have established CE through “broad-based” eligibility requirements (such as making brochures available in certification offices or including information/800 numbers about other available programs on SNAP applications); other States have established CE through “narrow” eligibility requirements (such as requiring the client to be actually enrolled in certain programs such as employment assistance or receiving child care or transportation assistance).

Non- Cash Categorical Eligibility				Cash-Only Categorical Eligibility
47				6
ALABAMA	IOWA	NEBRASKA*	RHODE ISLAND	ALASKA
ARIZONA	KANSAS*	NEVADA	SOUTH CAROLINA	ARKANSAS
CALIFORNIA	KENTUCKY	NEW HAMPSHIRE	SOUTH DAKOTA*	COLORADO
CONNECTICUT	LOUISIANA	NEW JERSEY	TENNESSEE*	INDIANA
DELAWARE	MAINE	NEW MEXICO	TEXAS	VIRGINIA
DIST. OF COLUMBIA	MARYLAND	NEW YORK	UTAH*	WYOMING
FLORIDA	MASSACHUSETTS	NORTH CAROLINA	VERMONT	
GEORGIA	MICHIGAN	NORTH DAKOTA	VIRGIN ISLANDS	
GUAM	MINNESOTA**	OHIO	WASHINGTON	
HAWAII	MISSISSIPPI	OKLAHOMA	WEST VIRGINIA	
IDAHO	MISSOURI*	OREGON	WISCONSIN	
ILLINOIS	MONTANA	PENNSYLVANIA		

* Narrow categorical eligibility rules only; **Minnesota reports broad and narrow CE

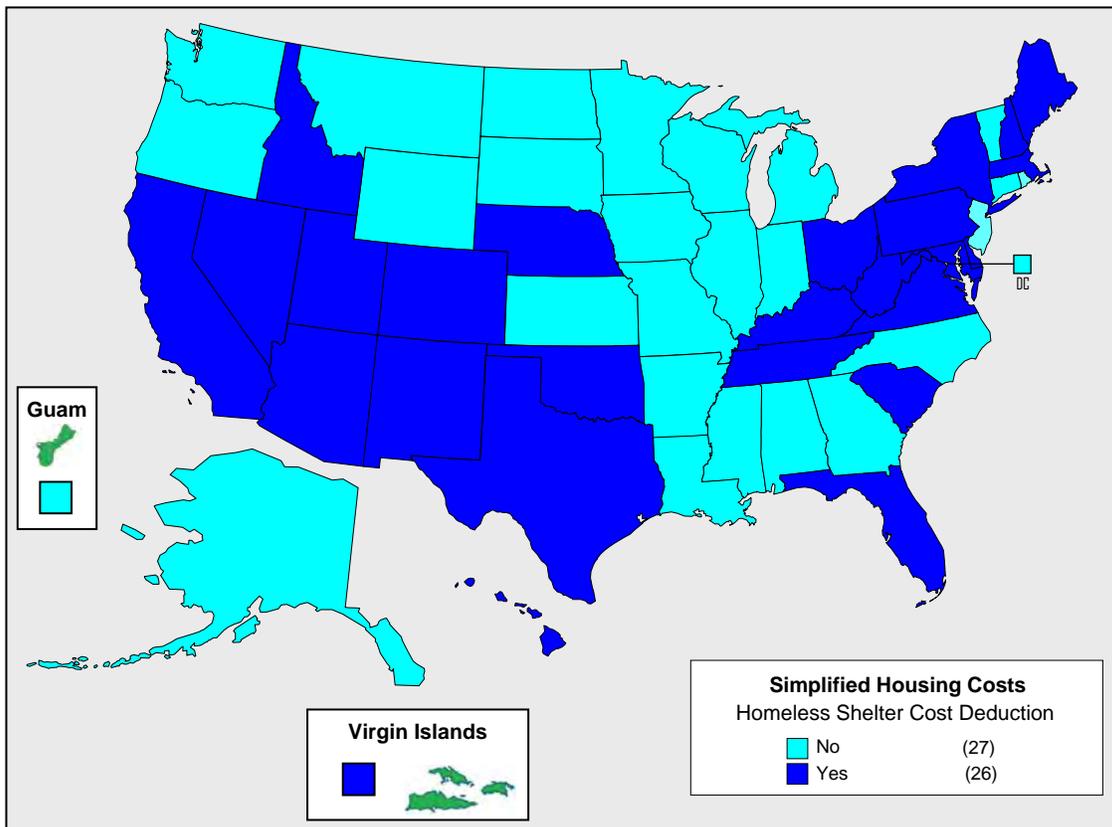


Simplified Housing Costs (Homeless)

273.9(d)(6)(i)

States have the option to use a standard deduction from income of \$143 per month for homeless households with some shelter expenses. This option makes it unnecessary for States to justify the level of the homeless shelter cost deduction and for program participants to itemize specific costs.

Simplified Housing Costs	
26	
ARIZONA	NEW MEXICO
CALIFORNIA	NEW YORK
COLORADO	OHIO
DELAWARE	OKLAHOMA
FLORIDA	PENNSYLVANIA
HAWAII	SOUTH CAROLINA
IDAHO	TENNESSEE
KENTUCKY	TEXAS
MAINE	UTAH
MARYLAND	VIRGIN ISLANDS
MASSACHUSETTS	VIRGINIA
NEBRASKA	WEST VIRGINIA
NEVADA	
NEW HAMPSHIRE	

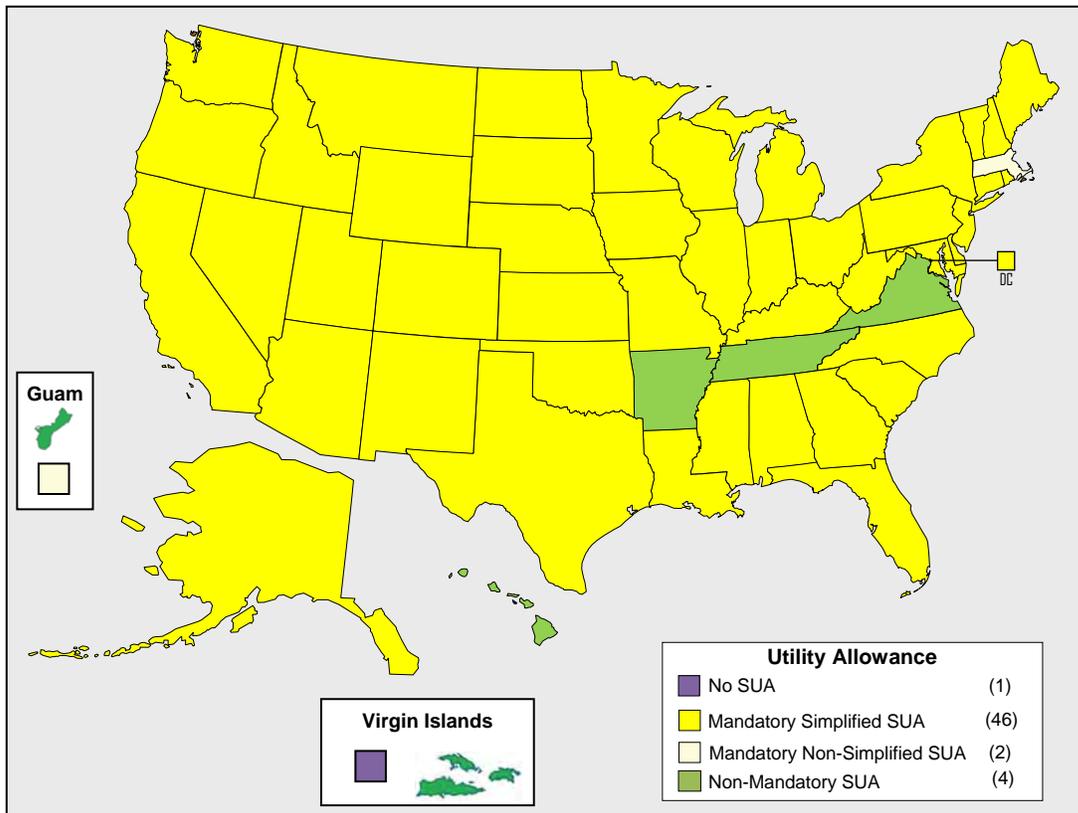


Simplified SUA

273.9(d)(6)(iii)

State agencies electing to use the SUA for all households in place of actual utility costs can adopt the simplified SUA. This eliminates the requirement to prorate the SUA among households that share living space, and it allows public housing residents with shared meters who are charged for only excess utility costs to have the benefit of the SUA as a deduction from income. All State agencies except the Virgin Islands use a Standard Utility Allowance.

Mandatory SUA Simplified			Mandatory SUA Not Simplified	SUA Not Mandatory
46			2	4
ALABAMA	KENTUCKY	NORTH CAROLINA	MASSACHUSETTS	ARKANSAS
ALASKA	LOUISIANA	NORTH DAKOTA	GUAM	HAWAII
ARIZONA	MAINE	OHIO		TENNESSEE
CALIFORNIA	MARYLAND	OKLAHOMA		VIRGINIA
COLORADO	MICHIGAN	OREGON		
CONNECTICUT	MINNESOTA	PENNSYLVANIA		
DELAWARE	MISSISSIPPI	RHODE ISLAND		
DIST. OF COLUMBIA	MISSOURI	SOUTH CAROLINA		
FLORIDA	MONTANA	SOUTH DAKOTA		
GEORGIA	NEBRASKA	TEXAS		
IDAHO	NEVADA	UTAH		
ILLINOIS	NEW HAMPSHIRE	VERMONT		
INDIANA	NEW JERSEY	WASHINGTON		
IOWA	NEW MEXICO	WEST VIRGINIA		
KANSAS	NEW YORK	WISCONSIN		
		WYOMING		

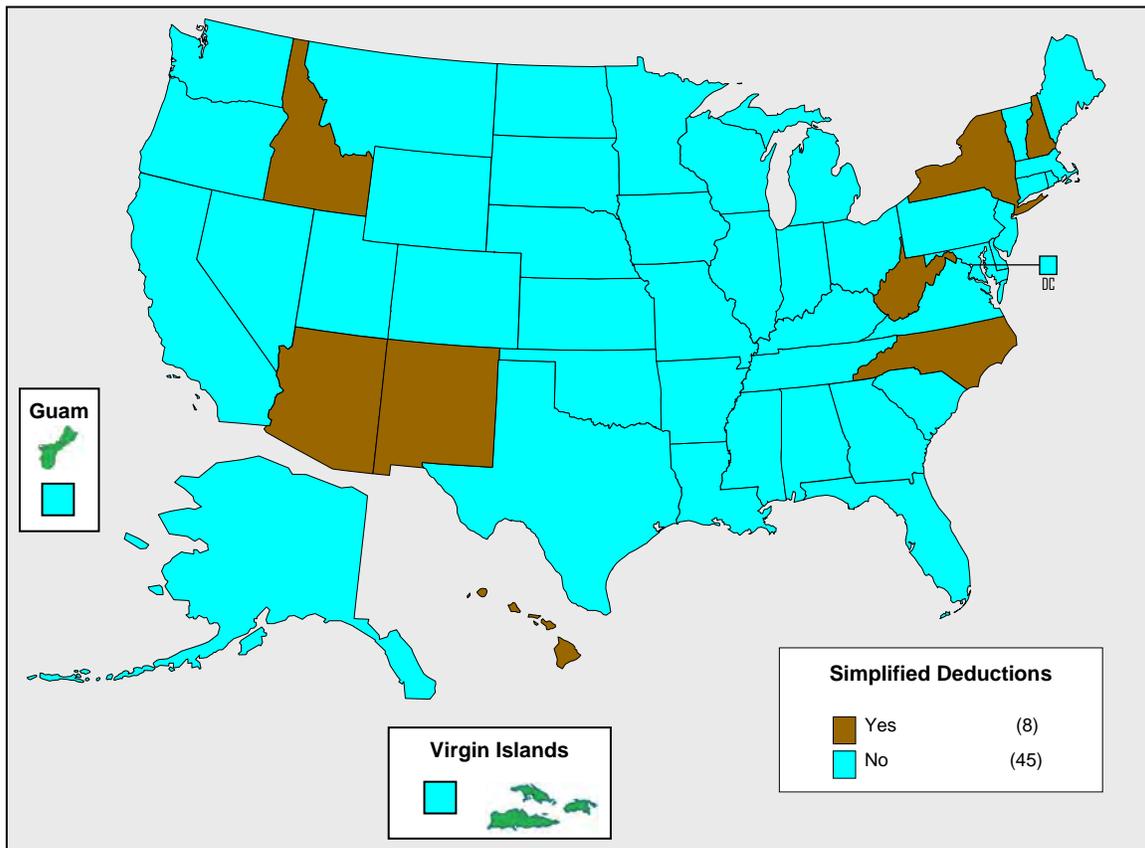


Simplified Determination of Deductions

273.12(c)(4)

In order to streamline case handling procedures and lessen vulnerability to payment errors for minor discrepancies, States can elect to disregard changes in certain deduction amounts during certification periods. The deductions affected are the ones for child care expenses, child support payments made, medical expenses, and shelter costs at the same residence.

Simplified Deductions	
8	
ARIZONA	NEW MEXICO
HAWAII	NEW YORK
IDAHO	NORTH CAROLINA
NEW HAMPSHIRE	WEST VIRGINIA

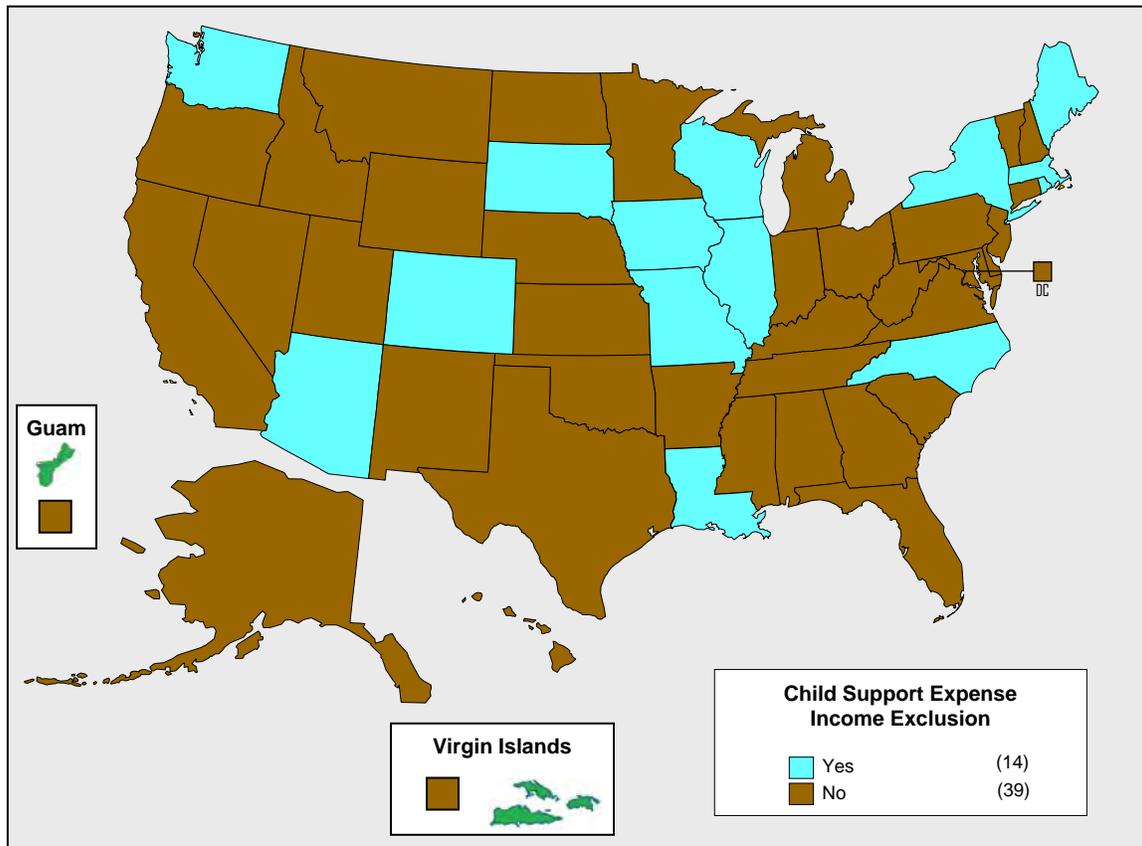


Child Support Expense Exclusion

273.9(d)(5) & (c)(17)

States have the option to treat legally obligated child support payments made to non-household members as an income exclusion rather than a deduction.

Child Support Expense Exclusion	
14	
ARIZONA	MISSOURI
COLORADO	NEW YORK
ILLINOIS	NORTH CAROLINA
IOWA	RHODE ISLAND
LOUISIANA	SOUTH DAKOTA
MAINE	WASHINGTON
MASSACHUSETTS	WISCONSIN

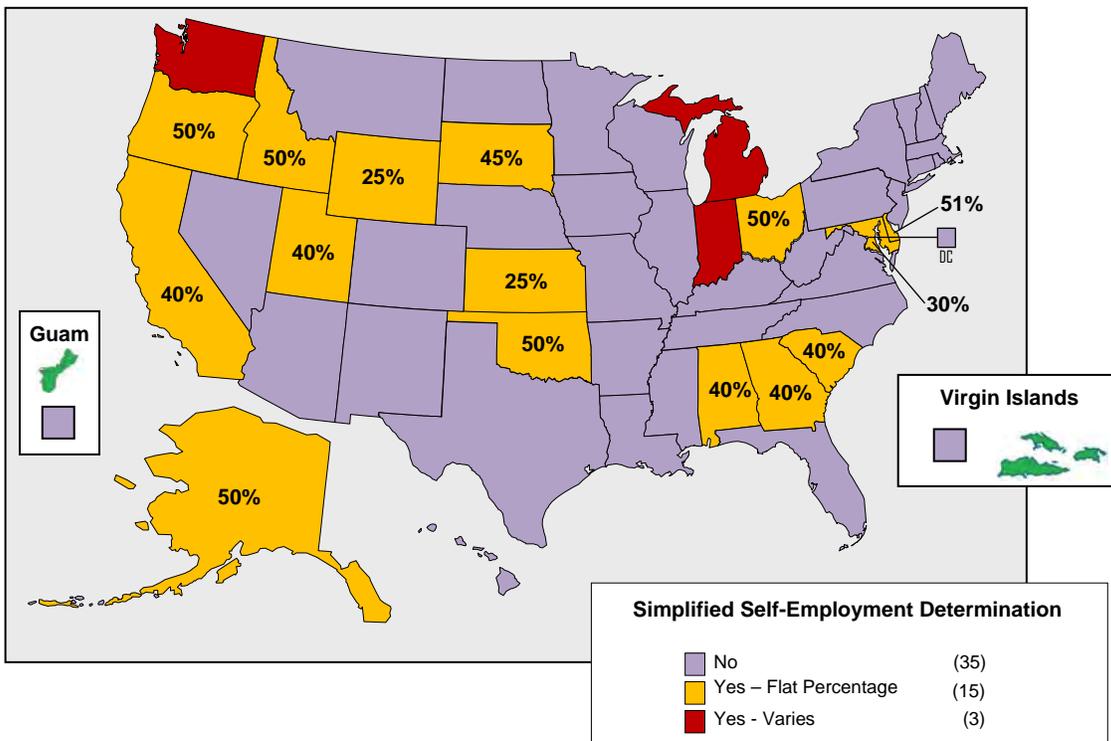


Simplified Self-Employment Determination

273.11(b)

States have the option to adopt a simplified method for determining the cost of doing business in cases where an applicant is self-employed. Should a State decide to adopt a simplified method, the State agency has flexibility to develop a method to calculate this cost – a flat percentage, a figure based on average costs, or some other method. Some States use different figures/methods for different types of self-employment. At present, 18 States have adopted a simplified method for determining the costs of doing business for self employed applicant income. Of these, 15 use a flat percentage of gross income applied to all types of self-employment. Two States (Michigan and Indiana) use different percentages depending on the type of self-employment. One State (Washington) uses a flat \$100 or actual expenses, whichever is greater.

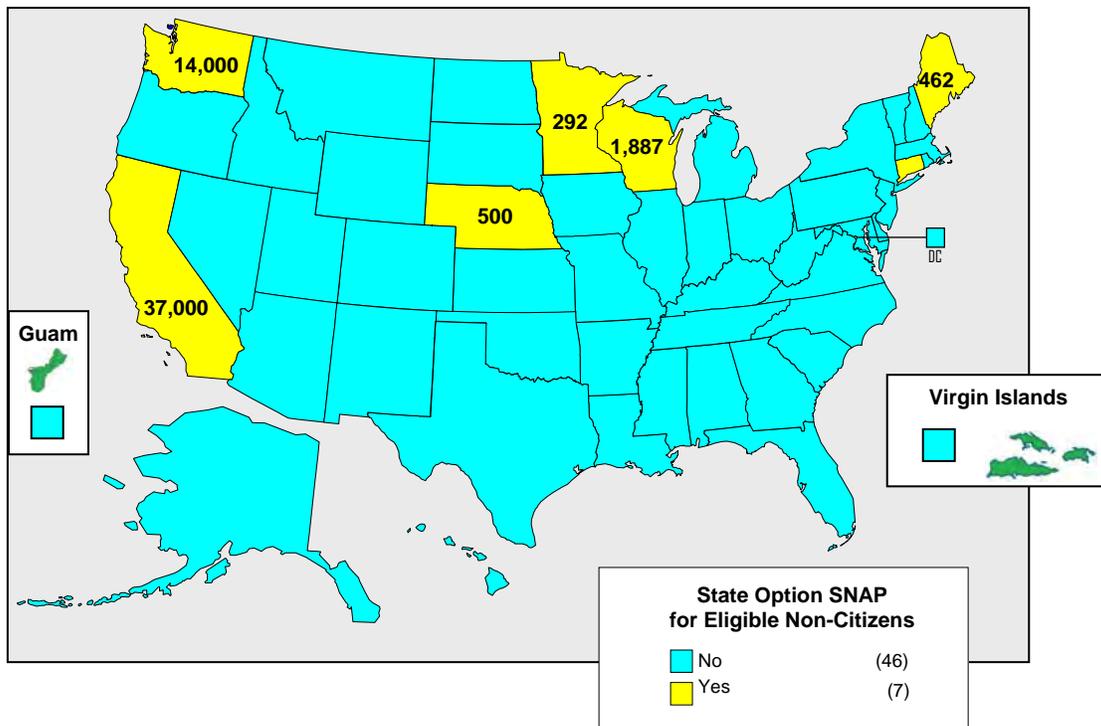
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	
18	
ALASKA	MICHIGAN
ALABAMA	OHIO
CALIFORNIA	OKLAHOMA
DELAWARE	OREGON
GEORGIA	SOUTH CAROLINA
IDAHO	SOUTH DAKOTA
INDIANA	UTAH
KANSAS	WASHINGTON
MARYLAND	WYOMING



State Option SNAP for Eligible Non-Citizens

The Supplemental Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 1997 included authority for States to purchase SNAP benefits from the Federal government for use in a State-funded food assistance program for non-citizens who were lawfully present in the United States. This was in response to the limitations on non-citizen eligibility for SNAP contained in the 1996 welfare reform act. States design the eligibility requirements for their State-funded programs. Some States have chosen not to purchase SNAP benefits from FNS for their program participants. Instead, they handle benefit issuance and redemption activities independently. The size of these programs has diminished significantly with the passage of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 that incrementally restored SNAP eligibility to major groups of legal immigrants. The last of these restorations occurred in October 2003 when qualified alien children under 18 years of age regained eligibility. States may opt, however, to continue these programs to serve lawfully-present non-citizen adults ineligible for the Federal SNAP during their first five years in residence.

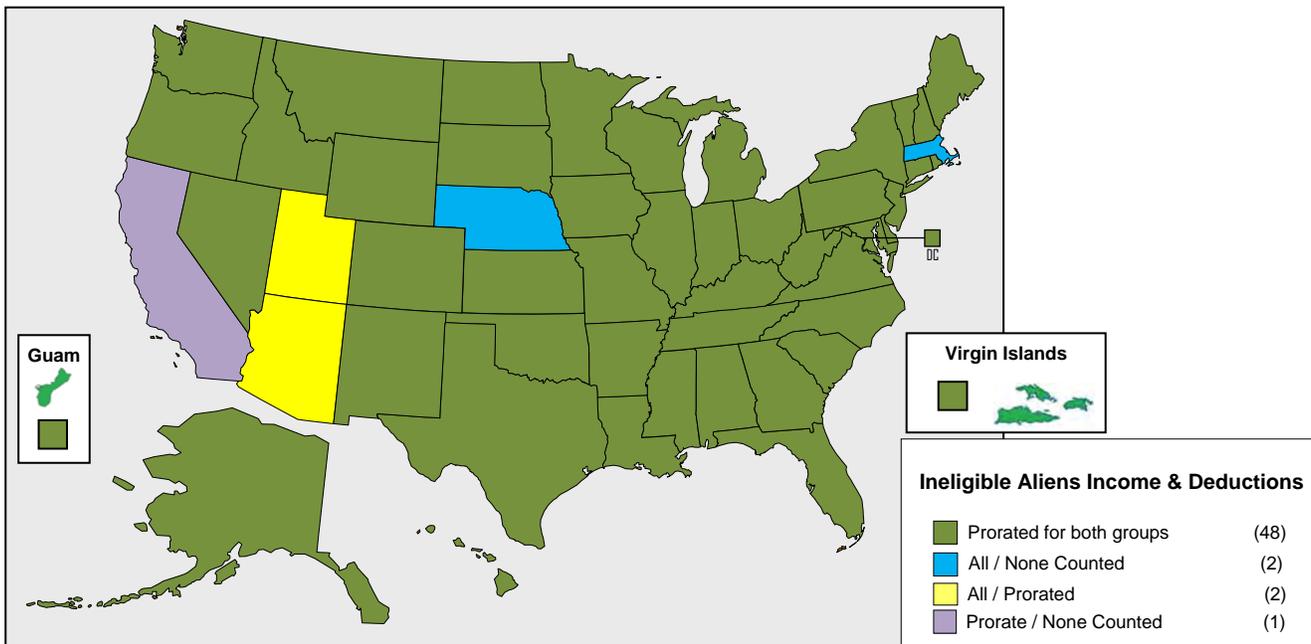
State Option SNAP with Participants Per Month	
7	
CALIFORNIA	37,000
CONNECTICUT	---
MAINE	462
MINNESOTA	292
NEBRASKA	500
WASHINGTON	14,000
WISCONSIN	1,887



Ineligible Non-Citizens Income & Deductions 273.11(c)(3)

Ineligible aliens fall into two general categories: 1) those who are unable or unwilling to provide documentation of immigration status, and 2) those classes of noncitizens listed in 7 CFR 273.11(c)(3)(i)(A) through (G). The second category generally includes persons who were lawfully admitted to the United States and have provided documentation of their immigration status. For each of these categories, State agencies have two options. For the first category they may count all income and deductions, or a prorated share. For the second category they may count none of the income and deductions (with the allotment capped at the level that an all-eligible household would get), or a prorated share.

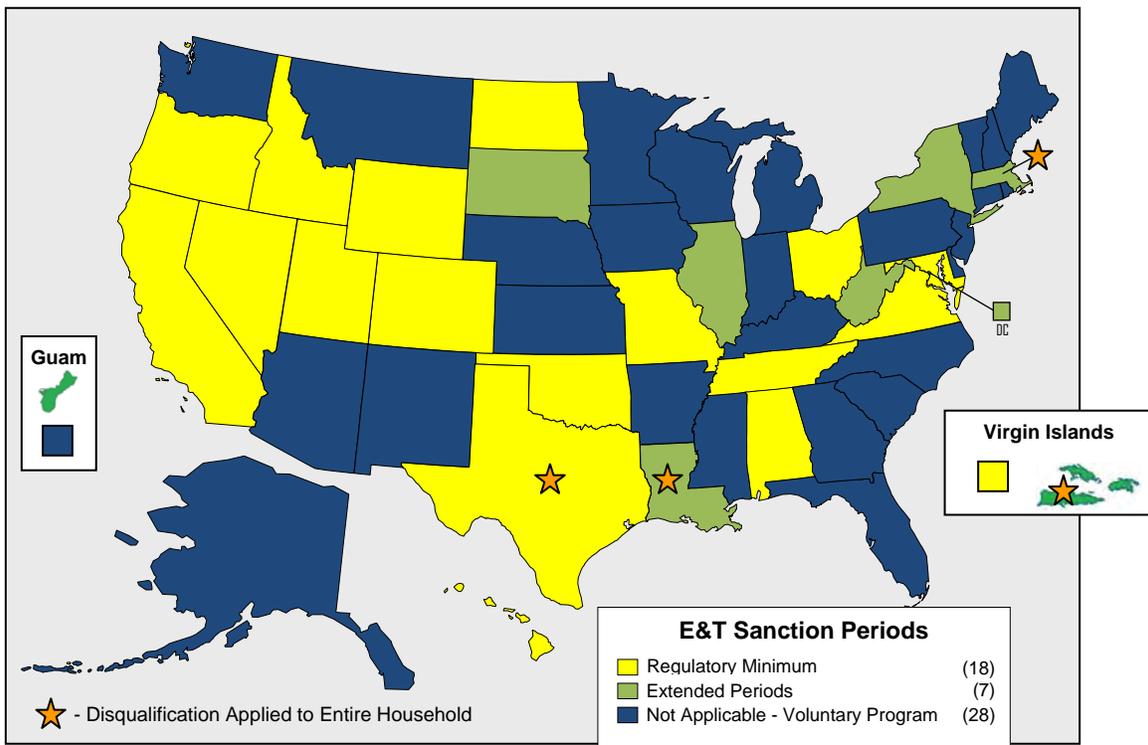
Income and Deductions Prorated for Both Groups				All/None	All/Prorate
48				2	2
ALABAMA	ILLINOIS	MONTANA	RHODE ISLAND	MASSACHUSETTS NEBRASKA	ARIZONA UTAH
ALASKA	INDIANA	NEVADA	SOUTH CAROLINA		
ARKANSAS	IOWA	NEW HAMPSHIRE	SOUTH DAKOTA	Prorate/None	
CONNECTICUT	KANSAS	NEW JERSEY	TENNESSEE	1	
COLORADO	KENTUCKY	NEW MEXICO	TEXAS	CALIFORNIA	
DELAWARE	LOUISIANA	NEW YORK	VERMONT		
DIST. OF COLUMBIA	MAINE	NORTH CAROLINA	VIRGIN ISLANDS		
FLORIDA	MARYLAND	NORTH DAKOTA	VIRGINIA		
GEORGIA	MICHIGAN	OKLAHOMA	WASHINGTON		
GUAM	MINNESOTA	OHIO	WEST VIRGINIA		
HAWAII	MISSISSIPPI	OREGON	WISCONSIN		
IDAHO	MISSOURI	PENNSYLVANIA	WYOMING		



Employment & Training Sanction Periods 273.7(f)(2) & (f)(5)

Individuals who are required to register for work in order to receive benefits may be enrolled into a State’s E&T program to receive assistance preparing for and finding employment. If they fail to participate in planned E&T activities without good cause, they are disqualified from the SNAP for certain periods of time depending on how many prior instances of non-compliance there have been. The minimum periods set by law are one month for the first instance, three months for the second, and six months for the third. SNAP policy gives States the options to 1) set disqualification periods longer than these minimum mandatory periods, 2) make the disqualification permanent upon the third occurrence, and 3) sanction the entire household whenever the head of household fails to comply with E&T program requirements. For information on the exact length of extended sanction periods in each State choosing to extend them, see the State Profiles section of this report.

Extended E&T Sanctions		Entire Household Disqualification	
7		4	
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ILLINOIS LOUISIANA MASSACHUSETTS	NEW YORK SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA	LOUISIANA MASSACHUSETTS	TEXAS VIRGIN ISLANDS

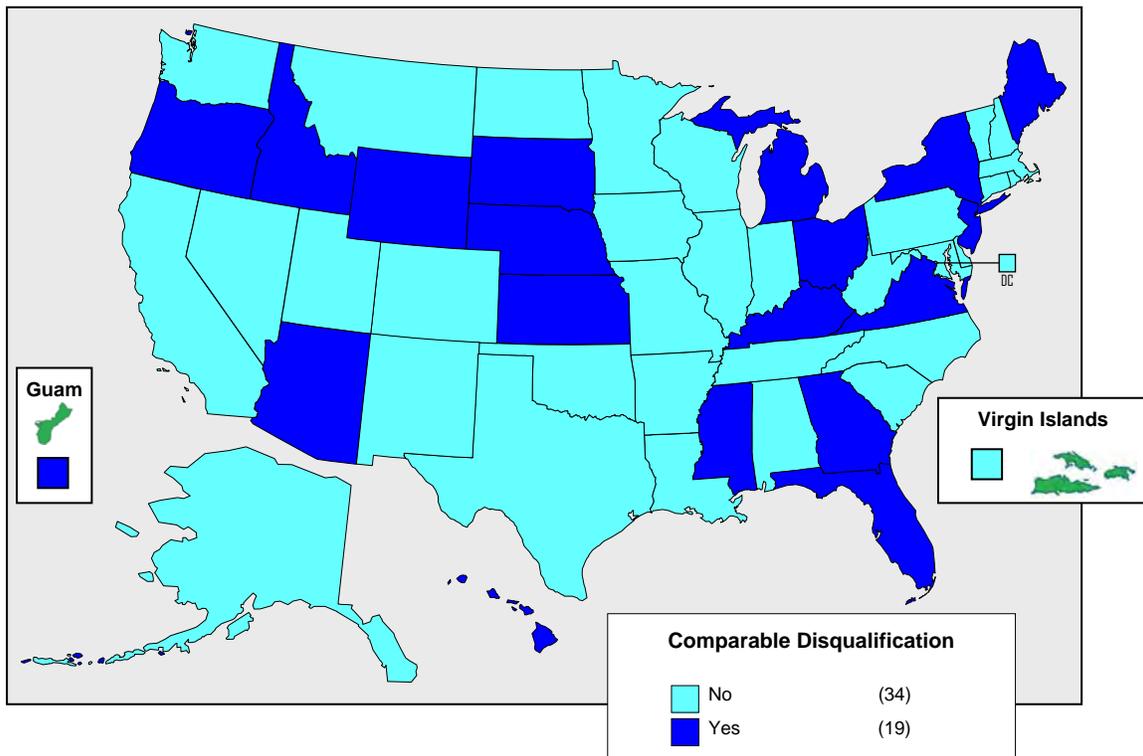


Comparable Disqualification

273.11(k)

State agencies may disqualify SNAP applicants or recipients who fail to perform actions required by other means-tested programs, primarily TANF.

Comparable Disqualification	
19	
ARIZONA	MICHIGAN
FLORIDA	MISSISSIPPI
GEORGIA	NEBRASKA
GUAM	NEW JERSEY
HAWAII	NEW YORK
IDAHO	OHIO
KANSAS	OREGON
KENTUCKY	SOUTH DAKOTA
MAINE	VIRGINIA
	WYOMING

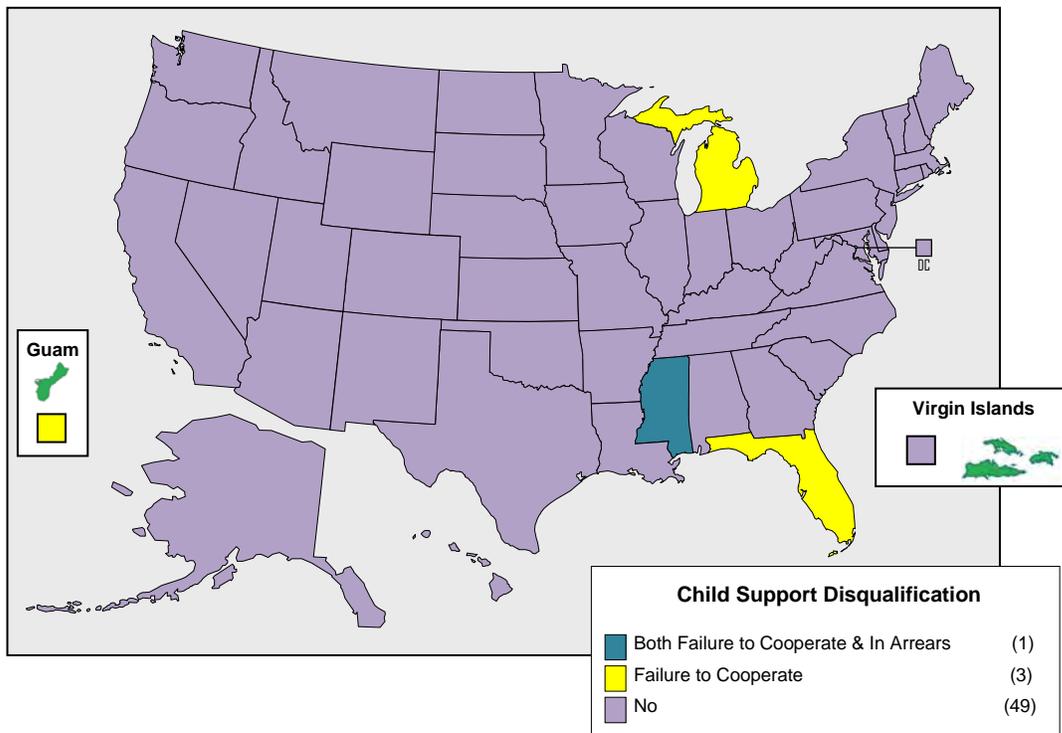


Child Support-Related Disqualification

273.11(o)&(p)

States have the option to disqualify individuals who fail to cooperate with child support enforcement agencies, who are in arrears in court-ordered child support payments, or both.

Failure to Cooperate	Arrearage
4	1
FLORIDA GUAM MICHIGAN MISSISSIPPI	MISSISSIPPI

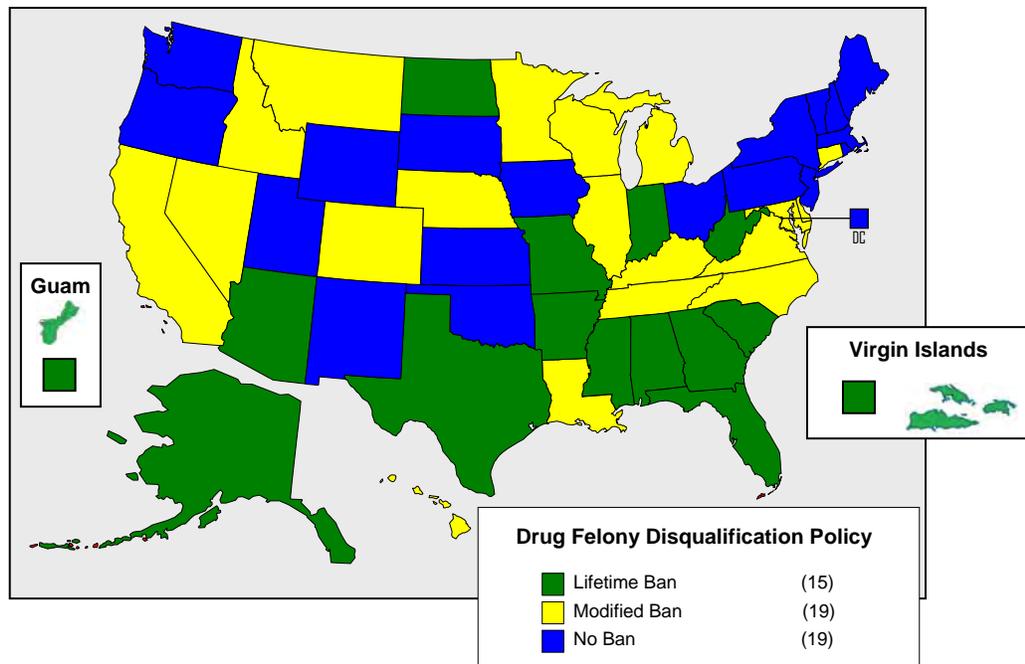


Drug Felony Disqualification

273.11(m)

Welfare reform legislation permanently disqualifies people from SNAP participation if they have been convicted of a state or federal felony offense involving the possession, use or distribution of a controlled substance. State legislatures can opt out of the penalty entirely or choose to impose less severe restrictions. Examples of these modified approaches are 1) limiting the circumstances in which the permanent disqualification applies (such as only when convictions involve the *sale* of drugs); 2) requiring the person convicted to submit to drug testing; 3) requiring participation in a drug treatment program; and/or 4) imposing a temporary disqualification period.

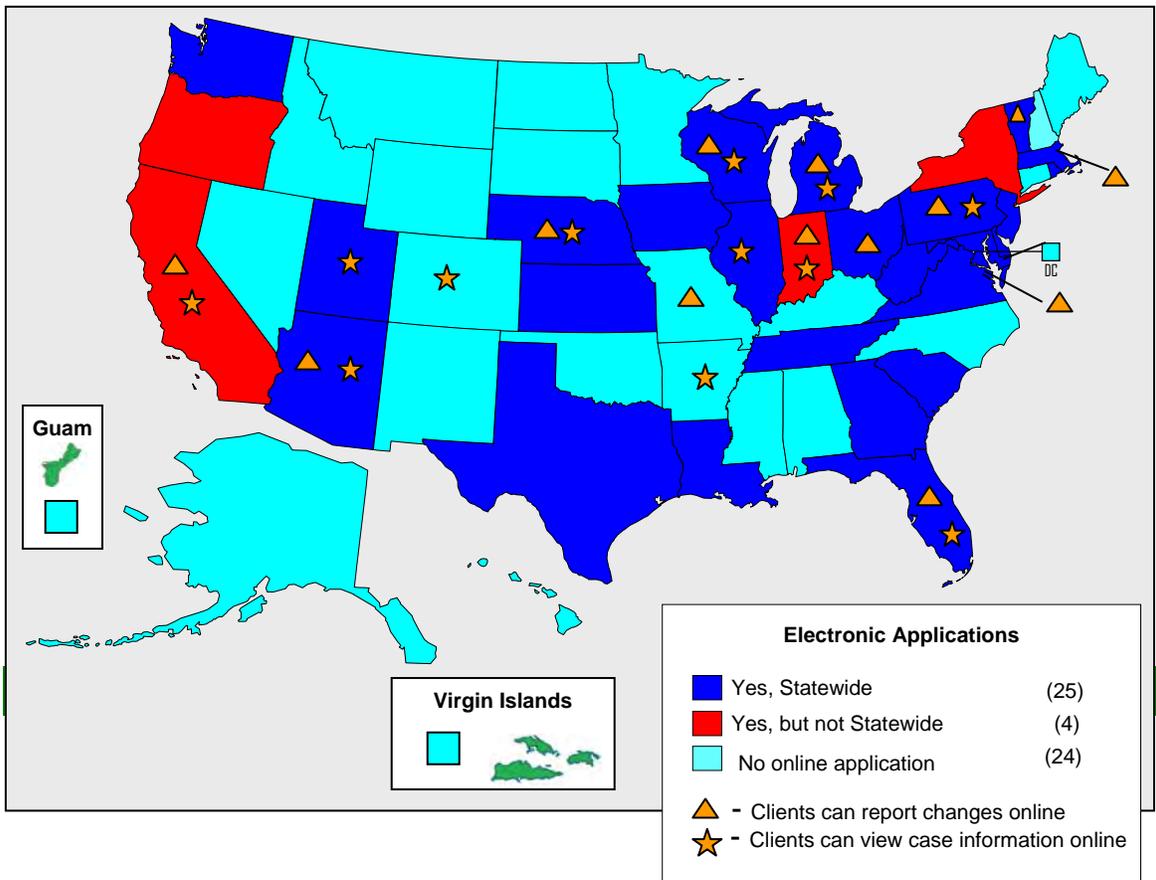
Lifetime Ban	Modified Ban	No Ban
15	19	19
ALABAMA ALASKA ARIZONA ARKANSAS FLORIDA GEORGIA GUAM INDIANA MISSISSIPPI MISSOURI NORTH DAKOTA SOUTH CAROLINA TEXAS VIRGIN ISLANDS WEST VIRGINIA	CALIFORNIA COLORADO CONNECTICUT DELAWARE HAWAII IDAHO ILLINOIS KENTUCKY LOUISIANA MARYLAND	MICHIGAN MINNESOTA MONTANA NEBRASKA NEVADA NORTH CAROLINA TENNESSEE VIRGINIA WISCONSIN
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Online Applications and Case Management

Thirty States provide applicants for SNAP with the opportunity to apply for benefits online. This option has been fully implemented statewide in 25 States, and is limited to certain counties or project areas in the remaining four States. Many State websites also allow clients to view information about their case or report changes in factors that affect eligibility or benefit level. In 12 States, clients can view case information online and in 13 States, clients can report changes online.

Electronic Application States				Online Case Management Only
29				3
ARIZONA CALIFORNIA DELAWARE FLORIDA GEORGIA ILLINOIS INDIANA IOWA	KANSAS LOUISIANA MARYLAND MASSACHUSETTS MICHIGAN NEBRASKA NEW JERSEY	NEW YORK OHIO OREGON PENNSYLVANIA RHODE ISLAND SOUTH CAROLINA TENNESSEE	TEXAS UTAH VERMONT VIRGINIA WASHINGTON WEST VIRGINIA WISCONSIN	ARKANSAS COLORADO MISSOURI

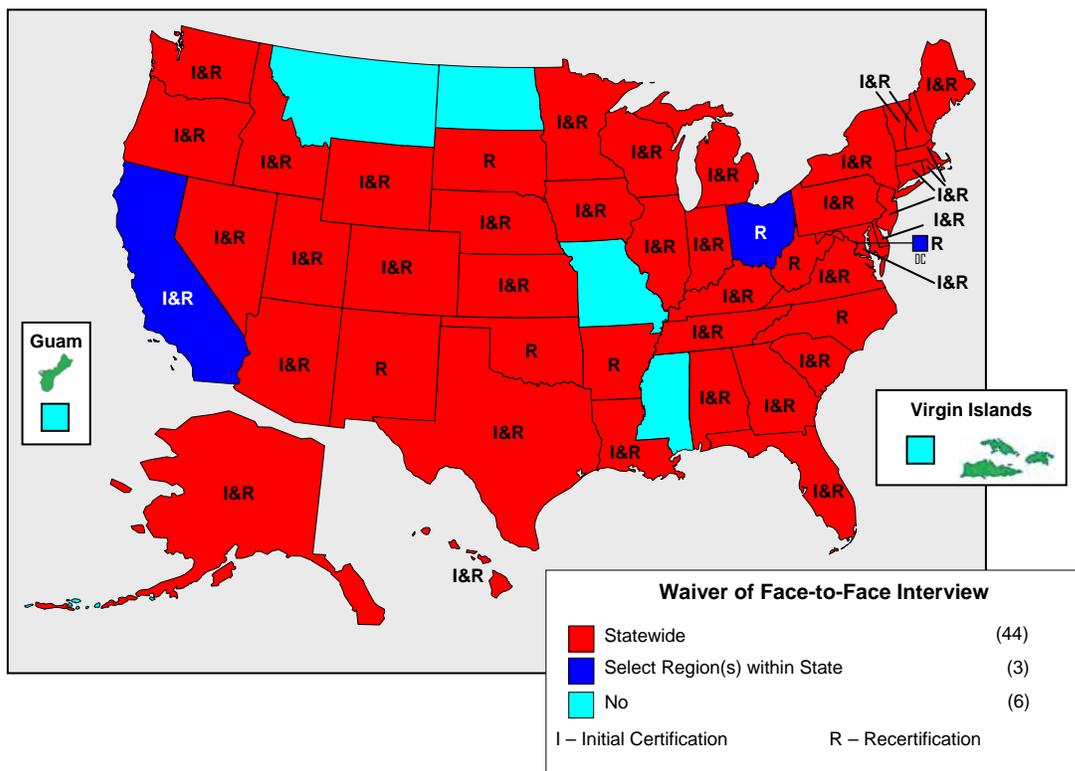


Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview

273.2(e)(2)

Regulations at 7 CFR 273.2(e) require that State agencies conduct a face-to-face interview at initial certification and at least once every 12 months thereafter, as part of the certification process. States may opt to request a waiver of the requirement that all households receive a face-to-face interview, either at initial certification or at recertification. In lieu of the face-to-face interview, interviews are conducted by telephone, although the State must retain the option of conducting a face-to-face interview if it is determined that one is appropriate, or if the applicant requests a face-to-face interview. Eligibility workers gather the same information and take the same actions during a telephone interview as during a face-to-face interview.

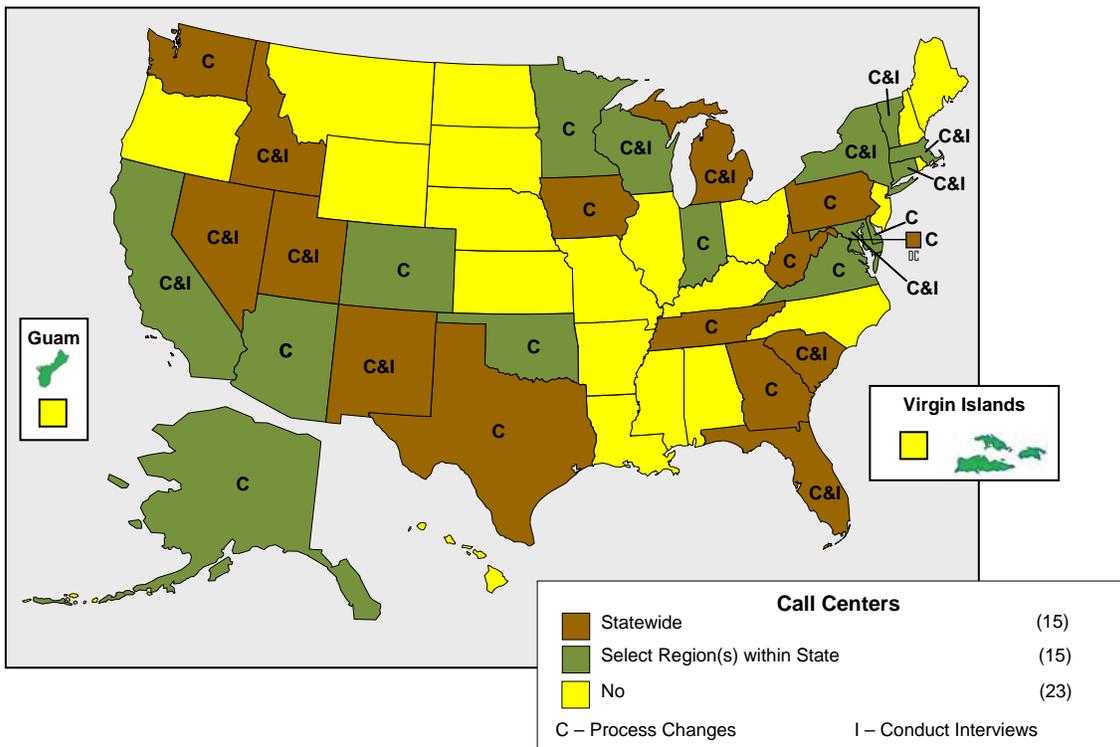
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview		
47		
ALABAMA	KANSAS	OKLAHOMA
ALASKA	KENTUCKY	OREGON
ARIZONA	LOUISIANA	PENNSYLVANIA
ARKANSAS	MAINE	RHODE ISLAND
CALIFORNIA	MARYLAND	SOUTH CAROLINA
COLORADO	MASSACHUSETTS	SOUTH DAKOTA
CONNECTICUT	MICHIGAN	TENNESSEE
DELAWARE	MINNESOTA	TEXAS
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	NEBRASKA	UTAH
FLORIDA	NEVADA	VERMONT
GEORGIA	NEW HAMPSHIRE	VIRGINIA
HAWAII	NEW JERSEY	WASHINGTON
IDAHO	NEW MEXICO	WEST VIRGINIA
ILLINOIS	NEW YORK	WISCONSIN
INDIANA	NORTH CAROLINA	WYOMING
IOWA	OHIO	



Call Centers

Call centers provide support to the certification process in local offices by reducing the time local certification offices spend answering phone calls concerning general SNAP information, application and benefit status information, application and recertification interviews, customer complaints, and processing changes. In some States, call centers go beyond these functions to directly certify and re-certify households. Call centers can help reduce errors caused by unreported changes, high workloads, and unanswered phone/voice mail messages. Benefits include task specialization, prompt customer service, measurable work performance, dedicated phone lines, and the ability to reinforce change reporting with one phone number for participants to remember.

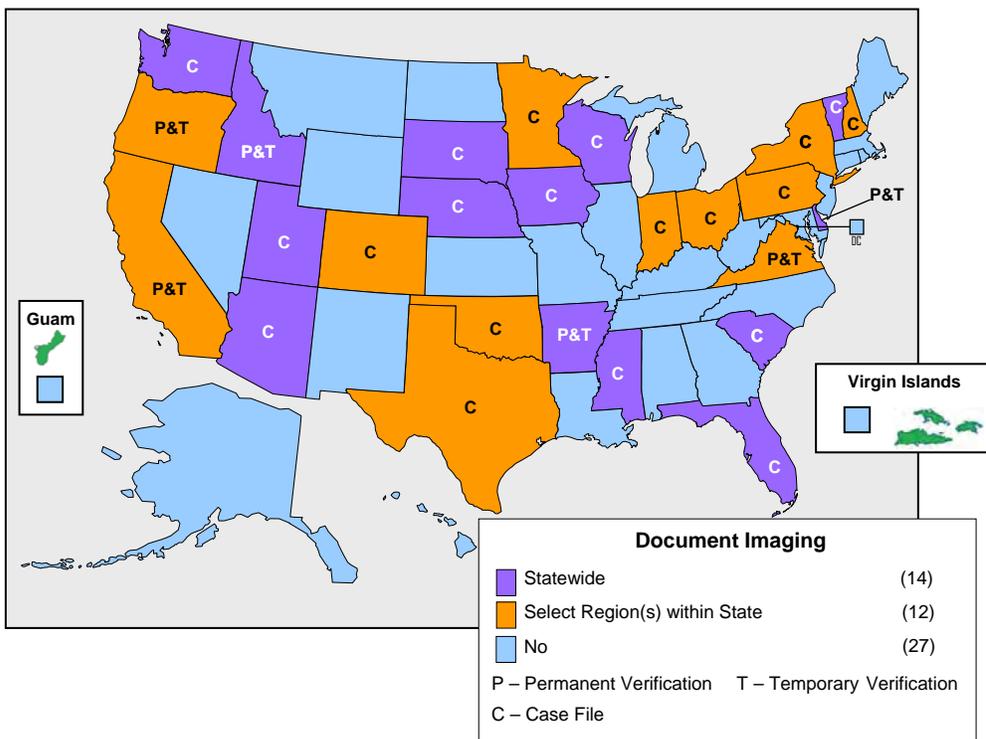
Call Centers		
30		
ALASKA	INDIANA	PENNSYLVANIA
ARIZONA	IOWA	SOUTH CAROLINA
CALIFORNIA	MARYLAND	TENNESSEE
COLORADO	MASSACHUSETTS	TEXAS
CONNECTICUT	MICHIGAN	UTAH
DELAWARE	MINNESOTA	VERMONT
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	NEVADA	VIRGINIA
FLORIDA	NEW MEXICO	WASHINGTON
GEORGIA	NEW YORK	WEST VIRGINIA
IDAHO	OKLAHOMA	WISCONSIN



Document Imaging

Document imaging is the process of scanning paper documents and converting them to digital images that are then stored in an electronic format. This technology allows State agencies to create paperless or less paper intensive certification systems, cutting the expenses and space requirements associated with the storage and maintenance of certification record documentation and increasing the efficiency of the certification process. This technology may be used to scan permanent verification documents (such as birth certificates or alien registration), temporary verification (such as wage stubs, rent receipts, or band statements), or entire case records (including signed applications, monthly report forms, or submitted change report forms).

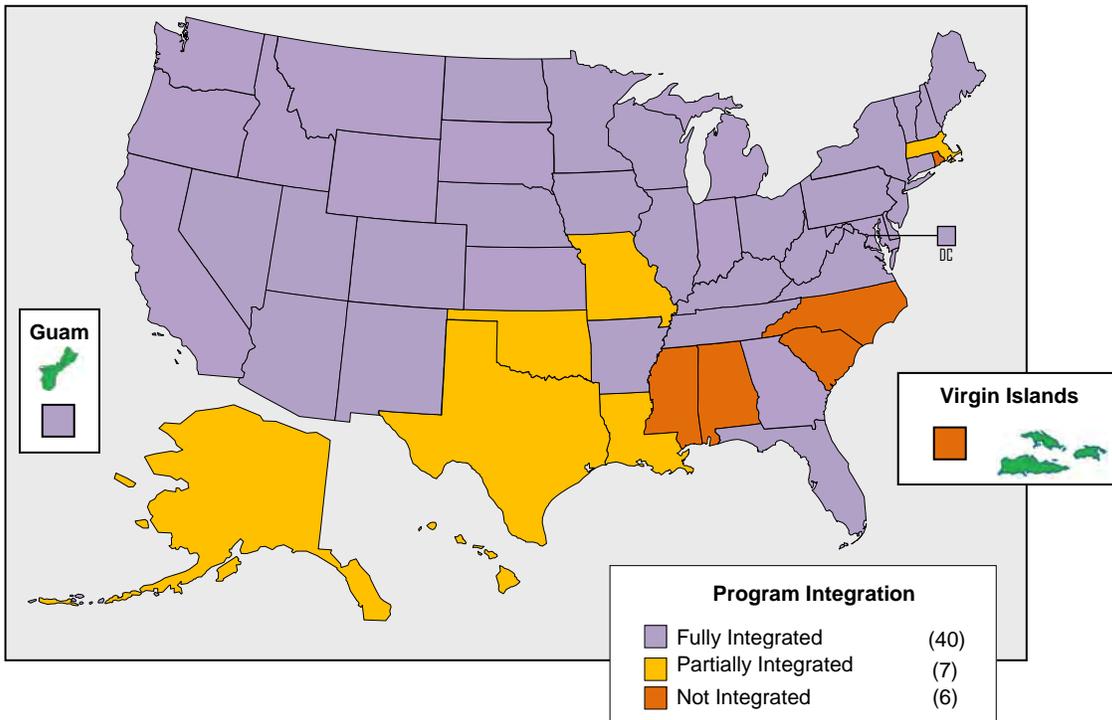
Document Imaging	
26	
ARIZONA ARKANSAS CALIFORNIA COLORADO DELAWARE FLORIDA IDAHO INDIANA IOWA MINNESOTA MISSISSIPPI NEBRASKA NEW HAMPSHIRE	NEW YORK OHIO OKLAHOMA OREGON PENNSYLVANIA SOUTH CAROLINA SOUTH DAKOTA TEXAS UTAH WASHINGTON WISCONSIN VERMONT VIRGINIA



Program Integration

Because States agencies are responsible for administering the program, they have the option to integrate the eligibility and intake process for SNAP with Medicaid or to keep these processes completely separate. For the purpose of this survey, eligibility and intake of these programs is considered integrated if an applicant household files a single application and attends a single interview for multiple programs. Currently, 40 States have completely integrated programs. In addition, seven States have partially integrated programs, in which eligibility and intake for SNAP and Medicaid are integrated only for certain populations or in certain areas of the State.

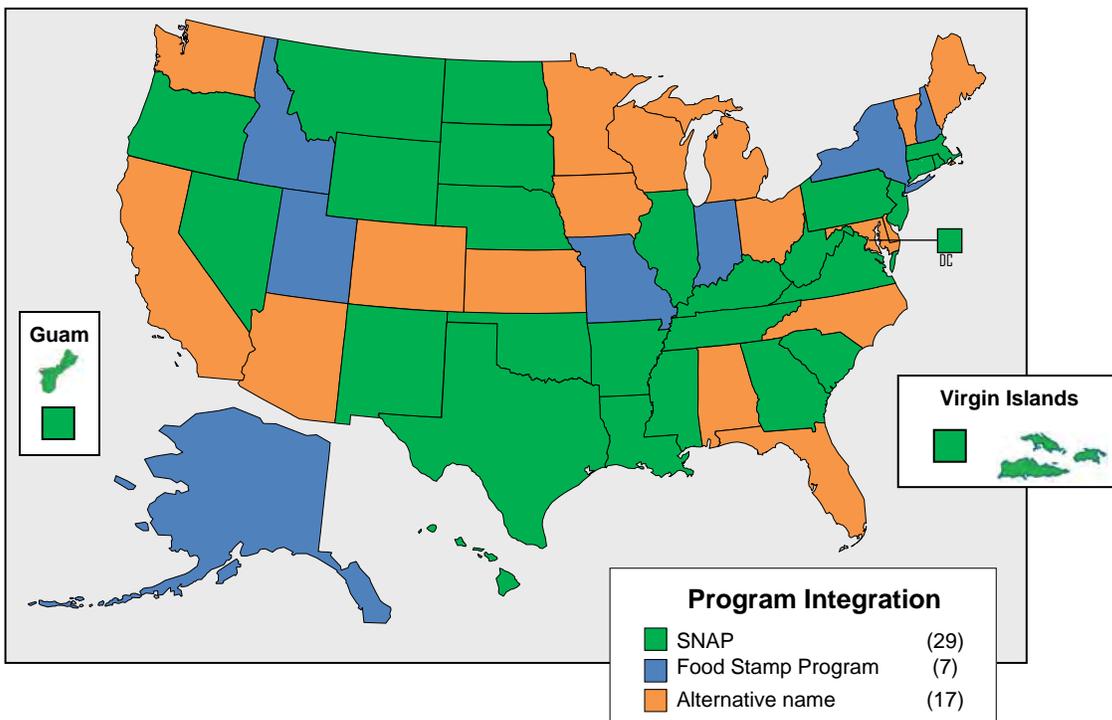
Fully Integrated				Partially Integrated
40				7
ARIZONA	IDAHO	MONTANA	PENNSYLVANIA	ALASKA
ARKANSAS	ILLINOIS	NEBRASKA	SOUTH DAKOTA	HAWAII
CALIFORNIA	INDIANA	NEVADA	TENNESSEE	LOUISIANA
COLORADO	IOWA	NEW HAMPSHIRE	UTAH	MASSACHUSETTS
CONNECTICUT	KANSAS	NEW JERSEY	VERMONT	MISSOURI
DELAWARE	KENTUCKY	NEW MEXICO	VIRGINIA	OKLAHOMA
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	MAINE	NEW YORK	WASHINGTON	TEXAS
FLORIDA	MARYLAND	NORTH DAKOTA	WEST VIRGINIA	
GEORGIA	MICHIGAN	OHIO	WISCONSIN	
GUAM	MINNESOTA	OREGON	WYOMING	



Names for SNAP Food Conservation & Energy Act of 2008, Section 4001(b)

As of Oct. 1, 2008, SNAP is the new name for the federal Food Stamp Program. It stands for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, and reflects the changes that have been made to meet the needs of clients, including a focus on nutrition and an increase in benefit amounts. The name change was mandated by the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008. This chart represents names used by States as of April 1, 2011.

SNAP		FSP	Alternate Name
29		7	17
ARKANSAS CONNECTICUT DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA GEORGIA GUAM HAWAII ILLINOIS KENTUCKY LOUISIANA MASSACHUSETTS MISSISSIPPI MONTANA NEBRASKA NEVADA	NEW JERSEY NEW MEXICO NORTH DAKOTA OKLAHOMA OREGON PENNSYLVANIA RHODE ISLAND SOUTH CAROLINA SOUTH DAKOTA TENNESSEE TEXAS VIRGINIA VIRGIN ISLANDS WEST VIRGINIA WYOMING	ALASKA IDAHO INDIANA MISSOURI NEW HAMPSHIRE NEW YORK UTAH	ALABAMA ARIZONA CALIFORNIA COLORADO DELAWARE FLORIDA IOWA KANSAS MAINE MARYLAND MICHIGAN MINNESOTA NORTH CAROLINA OHIO VERMONT WASHINGTON WISCONSIN



SUMMARY

<i>Option</i>	<i>Number of States</i>
Simplified Reporting – Earned Income Households Only	1
Simplified Reporting – Expanded to Other Households	49
Simplified Reporting – Certification Periods (6/12/Combination)	10/9/32
Quarterly Reporting	1
Monthly Reporting	2
Change Reporting	24
Transitional Benefits	21
Verification of Deductible Expenses (Child Support/Child Care/Housing)	45/42/30
Simplified Definition of Income	37
Simplified Definition of Resources	34
Vehicle Rules: Excludes All Vehicles	36
Vehicle Rules: Not All – But At Least One Vehicle Excluded	15
Vehicle Rules: Exemption > \$4,650	2
Expanded Categorical Eligibility (Broad/Narrow)	41/7
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	26
Standard Utility Allowance	52
Mandatory Standard Utility Allowance	46
Simplified Utility Allowance	46
Simplified Deductions	8
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	14
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	18
State Option SNAP	7
Ineligible Non-Citizens Income & Deductions (Prorate /All -None /All-Prorate)	48/3/2
Extended E&T Sanction Periods	7
E&T Household Disqualification	4
Comparable Disqualification	19
Child Support Disqualification: Failure to Cooperate Only	3
Child Support Disqualification: Both Failure to Cooperate & Arrearage	1
Drug Felony Disqualification: Lifetime Ban	15
Drug Felony Disqualification: Modified Ban	19
Drug Felony Disqualification: No Ban	19
Online Application & Case Management (Application/Case Management Only)	29/3
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	47
Call Centers	30
Document Imaging	26
Program Integration (Fully/Partially)	40/7
Names for SNAP (SNAP/Food Stamp Program/Alternate Name)	29/7/17

SECTION TWO:

STATE PROFILES

ALABAMA Food Assistance	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes - 12 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Change Reporting	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Yes - Child Support, Housing and Child Care
Vehicle Rules	All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes –Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	Yes – 40%
State Option SNAP	No
Ineligible Alien Income & Deductions	Pro rata/Pro rata
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Lifetime Ban
Electronic Application & Case Management	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes – Certification and Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	No
Program Integration	No

ALASKA FSP	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes - 6 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Change Reporting	Yes
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	No
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Yes - Child Support, Housing and Child Care
Vehicle Rules	At Least One Vehicle Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	No
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	Yes – 50%
State Option SNAP	No
Ineligible Alien Income & Deductions	Pro rata/Pro rata
E&T Sanction Months	N/A
E&T Household Disqualification	N/A
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Lifetime Ban
Electronic Application & Case Management	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes – Certification and Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	Yes, Select Regions– Changes Only
Document Imaging	No
Program Integration	Yes

ARIZONA Nutrition Assistance	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes - 6 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Change Reporting	No
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Yes - Child Support, Housing and Child Care
Vehicle Rules	All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	Yes
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	Yes
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
State Option SNAP	No
Ineligible Alien Income & Deductions	All/Pro rata
E&T Sanction Months	N/A
E&T Household Disqualification	N/A
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Lifetime Ban
Electronic Application & Case Management	Yes – Application and Case Management
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes - Certification & Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	Yes, Selected Regions - Changes Only
Document Imaging	Yes - Entire Case Files
Program Integration	Yes

ARKANSAS SNAP	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes – 12/24 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Change Reporting	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	No
Simplified Definition of Resources	No
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Yes - Child Support and Child Care
Vehicle Rules	At Least One Vehicle Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	No
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Not Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	No
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
State Option SNAP	No
Ineligible Alien Income & Deductions	Pro rata/Pro rata
E&T Sanction Months	N/A
E&T Household Disqualification	N/A
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Lifetime Ban
Electronic Application & Case Management	Yes – Case Management
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes - Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	Yes
Program Integration	Yes

CALIFORNIA CalFresh	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	No
Monthly Reporting	No
Change Reporting	No
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Only When Questionable
Vehicle Rules	All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes – Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	Yes – 40%
State Option SNAP	Yes
Ineligible Alien Income & Deductions	Pro rata/None
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Electronic Application & Case Management	Yes, Select Regions - Application and Case Management
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes, Selected Regions - Certification & Recertification
Call Centers	Yes, Selected Regions
Document Imaging	Yes, Selected Regions
Program Integration	Yes

COLORADO Food Assistance Program	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes - 6/24 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Change Reporting	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	No
Simplified Definition of Resources	No
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Yes - Child Support, Housing and Child Care
Vehicle Rules	All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes – Broad
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	Yes
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
State Option SNAP	No
Ineligible Alien Income & Deductions	Pro rata/Pro rata
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Online Application & Case Management	Yes – Case Management
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes – Certification and Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	Yes, Selected Regions, Changes Only
Document Imaging	Yes, Selected Regions, Entire Case Files
Program Integration	Yes

CONNECTICUT SNAP	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes - 12/24 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Change Reporting	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	No
Simplified Definition of Resources	No
Vehicle Rules	All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes – Broad
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
State Option SNAP	Yes
Ineligible Alien Income & Deductions	Pro rata/Pro rata
E&T Sanction Months	N/A
E&T Household Disqualification	N/A
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Online Application & Case Management	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes - Certification & Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	Yes, Selected Regions – Changes and Interviews
Document Imaging	No
Program Integration	Yes

DELAWARE Food Supplement Program	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes – 12/24 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Change Reporting	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	No
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Yes – Child Support
Vehicle Rules	All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes – Broad
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	Yes – 51%
State Option SNAP	No
Ineligible Alien Income & Deductions	Pro rata/Pro rata
E&T Sanction Months	N/A
E&T Household Disqualification	N/A
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Online Application & Case Management	Yes - Application
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes - Certification and Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	Yes, Selected Regions - Changes Only
Document Imaging	Yes
Program Integration	Yes

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SNAP	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes - 6/12/24 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Change Reporting	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Yes, Child Support, Housing and Child Care
Vehicle Rules	All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes – Broad
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
State Option SNAP	No
Ineligible Alien Income & Deductions	Pro rata/Pro rata
E&T Sanction Months	2-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Online Application & Case Management	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes, Selected Areas – Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	Yes - Changes Only
Document Imaging	No
Program Integration	Yes

FLORIDA Food Assistance Program	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes - 6/24 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Change Reporting	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Yes – Child Support
Vehicle Rules	All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes – Broad
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
State Option SNAP	No
Ineligible Alien Income & Deductions	Pro rata/Pro rata
E&T Sanction Months	N/A
E&T Household Disqualification	N/A
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	Failure to Cooperate
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Online Application & Case Management	Yes – Application and Case Management
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes - Certification & Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	Yes - Changes & Interviews
Document Imaging	Yes - Verification
Program Integration	Yes

GEORGIA SNAP	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes - 6 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Change Reporting	No
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Yes – Child Support
Vehicle Rules	All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes – Broad
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	Yes – 40%
State Option SNAP	No
Ineligible Alien Income & Deductions	Pro rata/Pro rata
E&T Sanction Months	N/A
E&T Household Disqualification	N/A
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Lifetime Ban
Online Application & Case Management	Yes – Application and Case Management
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes - Certification & Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	Yes - Changes Only
Document Imaging	No
Program Integration	Yes

GUAM SNAP	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes - 12 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Change Reporting	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	No
Simplified Definition of Resources	No
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Yes – Child Support, Housing and Child Care
Vehicle Rules	N/A
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes – Broad
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	No
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
State Option SNAP	No
Ineligible Alien Income & Deductions	Pro rata/Pro rata
E&T Sanction Months	N/A
E&T Household Disqualification	N/A
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	Yes
Drug Felony Disqualification	Lifetime Ban
Online Application & Case Management	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	No
Program Integration	Yes

HAWAII SNAP	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes - 12 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Change Reporting	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	No
Simplified Definition of Resources	No
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Yes – Child Support
Vehicle Rules	All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes – Broad
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Not Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	No
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
State Option SNAP	No
Ineligible Alien Income & Deductions	Pro rata/Pro rata
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Online Application & Case Management	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes – Certification and Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	No
Program Integration	Yes, for Selected Populations/Regions

IDAHO FSP	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes – 6/24 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Change Reporting	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	No
Simplified Definition of Resources	No
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Yes - Child Support and Child Care
Vehicle Rules	N/A – No Resource Test
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes – Broad
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	Yes
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	Yes – 50%
State Option SNAP	No
Ineligible Alien Income & Deductions	Pro rata/Pro rata
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Online Application and Case Management	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes – Certification and Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	Yes - Changes & Interviews
Document Imaging	Yes - Verification
Program Integration	Yes

ILLINOIS SNAP	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes - 6 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Change Reporting	Yes
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Yes – Child Support and Housing
Vehicle Rules	At Least One Vehicle Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes - Broad
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes –Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	Yes
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
State Option SNAP	No
Ineligible Alien Income & Deductions	Pro rata/Pro rata
E&T Sanctions	3-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	N/A
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Online Application and Case Management	Yes – Application and Case Management
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes – Certification and Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	No
Program Integration	Yes

INDIANA SNAP	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes – 6/12 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Change Reporting	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Yes – Child Support, Housing and Child Care
Vehicle Rules	At Least One Vehicle Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	No
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	Yes – 40%
State Option SNAP	No
Ineligible Alien Income & Deductions	Pro Rata/Pro Rata
E&T Sanction Months	N/A
E&T Household Disqualification	N/A
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Lifetime Ban
Online Application and Case Management	Yes – Application and Case Management
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes – Certification and Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	Yes – Changes Only
Document Imaging	Yes – Entire Casefile
Program Integration	Yes

IOWA Food Assistance Program	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes – 6/12 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Change Reporting	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Yes – Child Support
Vehicle Rules	At Least One Vehicle Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	No
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	Yes
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
State Option SNAP	No
Ineligible Alien Income & Deductions	Pro rata/Pro rata
E&T Sanction Months	N/A
E&T Household Disqualification	N/A
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Online Application & Case Management	Yes – Application
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes – Certification and Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	Yes – Changes Only
Document Imaging	Yes- Entire Casefile
Program Integration	Yes

KANSAS Food Assistance Program	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes - 12/24 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Change Reporting	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Verification of Deductible Expenses	No
Vehicle Rules	All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes - Narrow
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	Yes – 25%
State Option SNAP	No
Ineligible Alien Income & Deductions	Pro rata/Pro rata
E&T Sanction Months	N/A
E&T Household Disqualification	N/A
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Online Application & Case Management	Yes – Application
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes – Certification and Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	No
Program Integration	Yes

KENTUCKY SNAP	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes - 6/12 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Change Reporting	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Yes – Child Support and Child Care
Vehicle Rules	All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes – Broad
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes – Mandatory
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
State Option SNAP	No
Ineligible Alien Income & Deductions	Pro rata/Pro rata
E&T Sanction Months	N/A
E&T Household Disqualification	N/A
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Online Application & Case Management	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	No
Program Integration	Yes

LOUISIANA SNAP	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes – 12/24 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Change Reporting	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	No
Simplified Definition of Resources	No
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Yes – Child Support, Housing and Child Care
Vehicle Rules	All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes - Broad
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	Yes
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
State Option SNAP	No
Ineligible Alien Income & Deductions	Pro rata/Pro rata
E&T Sanction Months	3-6-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	Yes
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Online Application & Case Management	Yes – Application
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes – Certification and Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	No
Program Integration	No

MAINE Food Supplement Program	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes - 12 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Change Reporting	No
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Yes – Child Support and Child Care
Vehicle Rules	At Least One Vehicle Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes - Broad
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	Yes
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
State Option SNAP	Yes
Ineligible Alien Income & Deductions	Pro rata/Pro rata
E&T Sanction Months	N/A
E&T Household Disqualification	N/A
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Online Application & Case Management	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes – Certification and Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	No
Program Integration	Yes

MARYLAND Food Supplement Program	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes - 6/12/24 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Change Reporting	No
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Yes – Child Support
Vehicle Rules	N/A – No Resource Test
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes – Broad
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	Yes – 30%
State Option SNAP	No
Ineligible Alien Income & Deductions	Pro rata/Pro rata
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Online Application & Case Management	Yes – Application and Case Management
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes – Certification and Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	Yes, Selected Regions – Changes and Interviews
Document Imaging	No
Program Integration	Yes

MASSACHUSETTS SNAP	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes - 6 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	Yes
Change Reporting	Yes
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Yes – Child Support
Vehicle Rules	All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes - Broad
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Utility Allowance	No - Mandatory
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	Yes
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
State Option SNAP	No
Ineligible Alien Income & Deductions	All/None
E&T Sanction Months	3-6-12 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	Yes
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Online Application & Case Management	Yes – Application and Case Management
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes – Certification and Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	Yes – Changes and Interviews
Document Imaging	No
Program Integration	No

MICHIGAN Food Assistance	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes - 12 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Change Reporting	Yes
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	No
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Yes – Child Support, Housing and Child Care
Vehicle Rules	N/A, No Resource Test
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes - Broad
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	Yes – Various Percentages
State Option SNAP	No
Ineligible Alien Income & Deductions	Pro rata/Pro rata
E&T Sanction Months	N/A
E&T Household Disqualification	N/A
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	Yes
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Online Application & Case Management	Yes – Application and Case Management
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes – Certification and Recertification
Call Centers	Yes –Interviews Only
Document Imaging	No
Program Integration	Yes

MINNESOTA Food Support	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes – 6/12/24 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	Yes
Change Reporting	Yes
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	No
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Yes – Child Support, Housing, Child Care
Vehicle Rules	All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes - Broad
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
State Option SNAP	Yes
Ineligible Alien Income & Deductions	Pro rata/Pro rata
E&T Sanction Months	N/A
E&T Household Disqualification	N/A
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Online Application & Case Management	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes – Certification and Recertification
Call Centers	Yes, Selected Regions – Changes Only
Document Imaging	Yes, Selected regions - Various
Program Integration	Yes

MISSISSIPPI SNAP	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes – 6/12/24 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Change Reporting	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	No
Simplified Definition of Resources	No
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Yes – Child Support, Housing and Child Care
Vehicle Rules	All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes – Broad
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
State Option SNAP	No
Ineligible Alien Income & Deductions	Pro rata/Pro rata
E&T Sanction Months	N/A
E&T Household Disqualification	N/A
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	Yes
Drug Felony Disqualification	Lifetime Ban
Online Application & Case Management	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	Lifetime Ban
Document Imaging	Yes - Casefile
Program Integration	No

MISSOURI FSP	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes – 12/24 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Change Reporting	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Yes – Child Support
Vehicle Rules	All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes - Narrow
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	Yes
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
State Option SNAP	No
Ineligible Alien Income & Deductions	Pro rata/Pro rata
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Lifetime Ban
Online Application & Case Management	Yes – Case Management
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	No
Program Integration	Yes, In Selected Regions

MONTANA SNAP	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes - 6/12 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Change Reporting	Yes
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	No
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Yes – Child Support, Housing, Child Care
Vehicle Rules	All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes - Broad
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
State Option SNAP	No
Ineligible Alien Income & Deductions	Pro rata/Pro rata
E&T Sanction Months	N/A
E&T Household Disqualification	N/A
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Online Application & Case Management	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	No
Program Integration	Yes

NEBRASKA

<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified Reporting Requirements	Yes - 12 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Change Reporting	Yes
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Verification of Deductible Expenses	
Vehicle Rules	Exemption > \$4,650
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes – Narrow
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
State Option SNAP	Yes - FNS Involved
Ineligible Alien Income & Deductions	All Income & Deductions/No Income & Deductions
E&T Sanction Months	N/A
E&T Household Disqualification	N/A
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Online Application & Case Management	Yes – Application & Case Management
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes - Certification & Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	Yes, Entire Case File
Program Integration	Yes

NEVADA

<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified Reporting Requirements	Yes - 6 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Change Reporting	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Child Support, Housing, Child Care Costs
Vehicle Rules	At Least One Vehicle Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes – Broad
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
State Option SNAP	No
Ineligible Alien Income & Deductions	Pro rata/Pro rata
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Online Application & Case Management	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes - Certification & Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	Yes, Selected Regions, Changes Only
Document Imaging	No
Program Integration	Yes

NEW HAMPSHIRE FSP	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified Reporting Requirements	Yes - 6 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Change Reporting	No
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Child Support, Housing, Child Care Costs
Vehicle Rules	At Least One Vehicle Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes – Broad
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	Yes
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
State Option SNAP	No
Ineligible Alien Income & Deductions	Pro rata/Pro rata
E&T Sanction Months	N/A
E&T Household Disqualification	N/A
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Online Application & Case Management	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes - Certification & Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	Yes – Select Regions, Entire Case File
Program Integration	Yes

NEW JERSEY SNAP	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified Reporting Requirements	Yes - 12/24 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Change Reporting	Yes
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	No
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Child Support, Housing, Child Care Costs
Vehicle Rules	All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes – Broad
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
State Option SNAP	No
Ineligible Alien Income & Deductions	Pro rata/Pro rata
E&T Sanction Months	N/A
E&T Household Disqualification	N/A
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Online Application & Case Management	Yes – Application
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes - Certification & Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	No
Program Integration	Yes

NEW MEXICO SNAP	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified Reporting Requirements	Yes - 6/12/24 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Change Reporting	Yes
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Child Support
Vehicle Rules	All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes – Broad
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes – Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	Yes
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
State Option SNAP	No
Ineligible Alien Income & Deductions	Pro rata/Pro rata
E&T Sanction Months	N/A
E&T Household Disqualification	N/A
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Online Application & Case Management	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes - Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	Yes - Changes & Interviews
Document Imaging	No
Program Integration	Yes

NEW YORK FSP	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified Reporting Requirements	Yes – 6/12 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Change Reporting	Yes
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Child Support, Housing, Child Care Costs
Vehicle Rules	At Least One Vehicle Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes – Broad
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes – Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	Yes
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	Yes
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
State Option SNAP	No
Ineligible Alien Income & Deductions	Pro rata/Pro rata
E&T Sanction Months	2-4-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Online Application & Case Management	Yes – Select Regions, Application
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes - Certification & Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	Yes, Selected Regions, Changes & Interviews
Document Imaging	Yes. Select Regions, Entire Case Files
Program Integration	Yes

NORTH CAROLINA Food and Nutrition Services	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified Reporting Requirements	Yes – 6/12 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Change Reporting	No
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Child Support, Housing, Child Care Costs
Vehicle Rules	All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes – Broad
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	Yes
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	Yes
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
State Option SNAP	No
Ineligible Alien Income & Deductions	Pro rata/Pro rata
E&T Sanction Months	N/A
E&T Household Disqualification	N/A
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Online Application & Case Management	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes - Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	No
Program Integration	No

NORTH DAKOTA SNAP	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified Reporting Requirements	Yes - 6/12 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Change Reporting	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Child Support, Housing, Child Care Costs
Vehicle Rules	All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes – Broad
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
State Option SNAP	No
Ineligible Alien Income & Deductions	Pro rata/Pro rata
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Lifetime Ban
Online Application & Case Management	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	No
Program Integration	Yes

OHIO Food Assistance	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified Reporting Requirements	Yes – (4,5,6)/12/24 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Change Reporting	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Child Support, Housing, Child Care Costs
Vehicle Rules	All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes – Broad
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
State Option SNAP	No
Ineligible Alien Income & Deductions	Pro rata/Pro rata
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Online Application & Case Management	Yes – Changes Only
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes, Selected Regions, Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	Yes, Selected Regions, Entire Case Files
Program Integration	Yes

OKLAHOMA SNAP	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified Reporting Requirements	Yes - 12/24 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Change Reporting	Yes
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Child Support
Vehicle Rules	All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes – Broad
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	Yes – 50%
State Option SNAP	No
Ineligible Alien Income & Deductions	Pro rata/Pro rata
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Online Application & Case Management	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes – Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	Yes, Selected Regions, Changes Only
Document Imaging	Yes, Selected Regions, Entire Case Files
Program Integration	Yes

OREGON SNAP	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified Reporting Requirements	Yes - 6/12 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Change Reporting	Yes
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income	No
Simplified Definition of Resources	No
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Child Support
Vehicle Rules	Exemption > \$4,650 for non-BBCE
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes – Broad
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes – Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	Yes – 50%
State Option SNAP	No
Ineligible Alien Income & Deductions	Pro rata/Pro rata
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Online Application & Case Management	Yes – Application
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes, Certification & Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	Yes, All Types Verification
Program Integration	Yes

PENNSYLVANIA SNAP	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes - 12/24 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Change Reporting	No
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Child Support, Housing, Child Care
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	At Least One Vehicle Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes – Broad
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes – Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
State Option SNAP	No
Ineligible Alien Income & Deductions	Pro rata/Pro rata
E&T Sanction Months	N/A
E&T Household Disqualification	N/A
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Online Application & Case Management	Yes – Application and Case Management
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes – Certification & Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	Yes - Changes Only
Document Imaging	Yes, Selected Regions, All Types Verification
Program Integration	Yes

RHODE ISLAND SNAP	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified Reporting Requirements	Yes – 12 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Change Reporting	No
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Child Support, Housing, Child Care Costs
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	No
Simplified Definition of Resources	No
Vehicle Rules	All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes – Broad
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	Yes
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
State Option SNAP	No
Ineligible Alien Income & Deductions	Pro rata/Pro rata
E&T Sanction Months	N/A
E&T Household Disqualification	N/A
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Online Application & Case Management	Yes – Application
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes - Certification & Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	Yes – All Types of Verification
Program Integration	No

SOUTH CAROLINA SNAP	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified Reporting Requirements	Yes - 6/12 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Change Reporting	No
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Child Support, Housing, Child Care Costs
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	No
Simplified Definition of Resources	No
Vehicle Rules	All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes – Broad
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	Yes – 40%
State Option SNAP	No
Ineligible Alien Income & Deductions	Pro rata/Pro rata
E&T Sanction Months	N/A
E&T Household Disqualification	N/A
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Lifetime Ban
Online Application & Case Management	Yes - Application
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes – Interview and Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	Yes, Selected Regions, Changes Only
Document Imaging	Yes - Entire Case Files
Program Integration	No

SOUTH DAKOTA SNAP	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified Reporting Requirements	Yes – 12 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Change Reporting	No
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Child Support, Housing, Child Care Costs
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	At Least One Vehicle Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes – Narrow
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	No
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	Yes
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	Yes – 45%
State Option SNAP	No
Ineligible Alien Income & Deductions	Pro rata/Pro rata
E&T Sanction Months	1-6-12 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Online Application & Case Management	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes - Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	Yes, Entire Case Files
Program Integration	Yes

TENNESSEE SNAP	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified Reporting Requirements	Yes – 6/12 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Change Reporting	Yes
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Yes – Child Support, Housing, Child Care Costs
Vehicle Rules	All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes – Narrow
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Not Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	No
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
State Option SNAP	No
Ineligible Alien Income & Deductions	Pro rata/Pro rata
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Online Application & Case Management	Yes, e-Signature Accepted
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes - Certification & Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	Yes - Changes Only
Document Imaging	No
Program Integration	Yes

TEXAS SNAP	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified Reporting Requirements	Yes - 6 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Change Reporting	Yes
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Child Support, Child Care Costs
Vehicle Rules	Exemption > \$4,650
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes – Broad
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes – Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	Yes
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
State Option SNAP	No
Ineligible Alien Income & Deductions	Pro rata/Pro rata
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	Yes
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Lifetime Ban
Online Application & Case Management	Yes, e-Signature Accepted
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes - Certification & Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	Yes - Changes
Document Imaging	Yes, Selected Regions, Entire Case Files
Program Integration	Yes

UTAH FSP	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified Reporting Requirements	Yes - 6 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Change Reporting	Yes
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	No
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Child Support, Housing, Child Care Costs
Vehicle Rules	All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes – Narrow
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	Yes – 40%
State Option SNAP	No
Ineligible Alien Income & Deductions	Pro rata/Pro rata
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Online Application & Case Management	Yes, e-Signature Accepted
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes - Certification & Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	Yes - Changes & Interviews
Document Imaging	Yes - Entire Case Files
Program Integration	Yes

VERMONT 3SquaresVT	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes - 6/12 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Change Reporting	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	No
Simplified Definition of Resources	No
Verification of Deductible Expenses	No
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – At Least One Vehicle Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes – Broad
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes – Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
State Option SNAP	No
Ineligible Alien Income & Deductions	Pro rata/Pro rata
E&T Sanction Months	N/A
E&T Household Disqualification	N/A
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Online Application & Case Management	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes - Initial & Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	Yes – Selected Regions, Interviews & Changes
Document Imaging	Yes – Entire Casefile
Program Integration	Yes

VIRGIN ISLANDS SNAP	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified Reporting Requirements	Yes - 6 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Change Reporting	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	No
Simplified Definition of Resources	No
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Child Support, Housing, Child Care Costs
Vehicle Rules	All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes – Broad
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	No
Simplified Utility Allowance	N/A
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
State Option SNAP	No
Ineligible Alien Income & Deductions	Pro rata/Pro rata
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	Yes
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Lifetime Ban
Online Application & Case Management	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	No
Program Integration	No

VIRGINIA SNAP	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified Reporting Requirements	Yes - 6/12/24 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Change Reporting	No
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Child Support, Housing, Child Care Costs
Vehicle Rules	All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	No
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Not Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	No
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
State Option SNAP	No
Ineligible Alien Income & Deductions	Pro rata/Pro rata
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Online Application & Case Management	Yes, e-Signature Accepted
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes - Initial & Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	Yes, Selected Regions, Changes Only
Document Imaging	Yes, Selected Regions, All Types Verification
Program Integration	Yes

WASHINGTON Basic Food Program	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified Reporting Requirements	Yes - 6/12 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Change Reporting	No
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income	No
Simplified Definition of Resources	No
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Child Support
Vehicle Rules	All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes – Broad
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes – Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	Yes
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	Yes - \$100 or Actual
State Option SNAP for Immigrants	Yes
Ineligible Alien Income & Deductions	Pro rata/Pro rata
E&T Sanction Months	N/A
E&T Household Disqualification	N/A
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Online Application & Case Management	Yes - Recertification
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes - Certification & Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	Yes - Changes
Document Imaging	Yes - Entire Case Files
Program Integration	Yes

WEST VIRGINIA SNAP	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified Reporting Requirements	Yes - 6/24 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Change Reporting	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Child Care
Vehicle Rules	All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes – Broad
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	Yes
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
State Option SNAP	No
Ineligible Alien Income & Deductions	Pro rata/Pro rata
E&T Sanction Months	3-6-12 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Lifetime Ban
Online Application & Case Management	Yes - Recertification
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes - Recertification
Call Centers	Yes - Changes Only
Document Imaging	No
Program Integration	Yes

WISCONSIN FoodShare	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified Reporting Requirements	Yes - 12 Month Certification Periods
Monthly Reporting	No
Change Reporting	Yes
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Child Support
Vehicle Rules	All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes – Broad
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	Yes
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
State Option SNAP	Yes – FNS Involved
Ineligible Alien Income & Deductions	Pro rata/Pro rata
E&T Sanction Months	N/A
E&T Household Disqualification	N/A
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	Yes
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Online Application & Case Management	Yes, e-Signature Accepted
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes - Certification & Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	Yes - Selected Regions, Interview & Changes
Document Imaging	Yes - Statewide, Entire Case Files
Program Integration	Yes

WYOMING SNAP

<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified Reporting Requirements	No
Monthly Reporting	No
Change Reporting	Yes
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Child Support, Housing, Child Care
Vehicle Rules	At Least One Vehicle Per Household Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	No
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes – Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	Yes – 25%
State Option SNAP	No
Ineligible Alien Income & Deductions	Pro rata/Pro rata
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Online Application & Case Management	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes - Certification & Recertification Interviews
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	No
Program Integration	Yes