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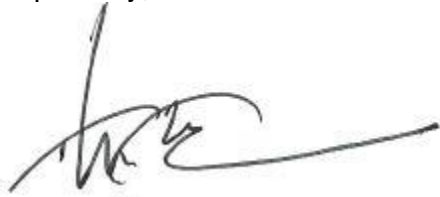
Dear Mr. O'Donnell,

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 (Tenth Edition, August 2012).

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

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**NEBRASKA STATE OPTIONS REPORT
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**SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
(FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM)**

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), Tenth Edition, was published in August 2012. See attachment.

Changes made to State SNAP Programs since August 2012 are not reflected in this report. Any changes will be reflected in a future edition of the State Options Report.

The chart on the following pages summarizes the FNS State Options report and compares options taken by the 50 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	Does Nebraska Utilize the Option?	All States/Territories
1. Reporting Requirements.	Yes. Simplified and Change Reporting.	28 are Simplified. 1 is Quarterly & Change Reporting. 22 are Simplified & Change Reporting. 2 are Simplified, Monthly & Change Reporting.
2. Simplified Reporting – Action on Changes.	Yes. Act on All Changes.	34 act on all changes. 18 act only on certain changes. 1 has no Simplified Reporting.
3. Simplified Reporting – Certification Length.	Yes. Prior to 10/1/2013, 12-Month Certification Periods. Effective 10/1/2013, 6-Month Certification Periods.	15 are 12 Month Certification periods. 10 are 6 Month Certification periods. 27 are various certification periods. 1 is no Simplified Reporting.
4. Transitional Benefits.	Yes.	17 have Transitional Benefits. 33 do not. 3 have Transitional Benefits with additional excluded households.
5. Simplified Income and Resources.	Yes. Both.	34 are both. 4 are resources only. 3 are income only. 12 are neither.
6. Verification of Deductible Expenses.	Yes. Verify Child Care (CC).	19 verify Housing and Child Care. 2 verify Housing. 11 verify Child Care. 21 verify only when questionable.
7. Verification of Household Characteristics (Household Composition and Identity of All Household Members).	No. Verify only when questionable. (The Report incorrectly lists NE as verify Household Composition and Identity.)	7 verify Household Composition and Identity. 4 verify Household Composition. 5 verify Identity. 37 verify only when questionable.
8. Vehicle Policy.	Yes. Exemption greater than \$4,650. NE uses \$12,000.	37 exclude all vehicles. 16 exclude at least one vehicle per household.
9. Broad Based Categorical Eligibility (BBCE). LB 543 established BBCE as of 10/1/2011.	Yes.	43 use BBCE. 10 use none.
10. Simplified Homeless Housing Cost.	Yes.	28 have Simplified Housing Costs for homeless. 25 do not.
11. Standard Utility Allowance (SUA).	Yes. Mandatory Simplified SUA.	48 use Mandatory Simplified SUA. 4 use Non-Mandatory SUA. 1 has no SUA.
12. Child Support Expense Exclusion.	No.	16 treat legally obligated child support as an income exclusion. 37 do not.
13. Simplified Self-	No.	18 have Simplified Self-employment

Employment Determination.		Determination. 35 do not.
State Options	Does Nebraska Utilize the Option?	All States/Territories
14. Ineligible Noncitizen Income & Deductions.	Prorate for both groups. (The Report incorrectly lists NE as All/None Counted)	44 prorate for both groups. 1 is all/none. 6 are all/prorate. 2 are prorate/none.
15. Average Student Work Hours.	Yes.	39 average. 14 do not.
16. Work Requirements and Employment and Training.	Voluntary program.	18 are regulatory minimum. 5 are extended periods. 3 are volunteer/extended. 27 are voluntary programs.
17. Comparable Disqualification.	Yes.	20 are comparable disqualification. 33 are not.
18. Child Support-Related Disqualification.	No.	5 disqualify. 48 do not.
19. Drug Felony Disqualification.	Yes. Modified Ban.	13 are lifetime ban. 19 are modified ban. 21 are no ban.
20. Online Application and Case Management.	Yes.	38 have electronic applications. 15 do not.
21. Call Centers.	Yes. Statewide.	22 are statewide. 9 are selected regions within state. 22 have none.
22. Document Imaging.	Yes. Completely electronic.	28 are statewide. 9 are selected regions within state. 16 have none.
23. Program Integration.	Not integrated. (The Report incorrectly lists NE as integrated.)	40 are completely integrated. 5 are partially integrated. 8 are not integrated.
24. Process Improvement Waivers.	Yes. Elderly/Disabled Recertification Interview. (The Report incorrectly lists NE as none.)	4 use Elderly/Disabled Recertification Interview. 7 use Expedited Service Interview Postponement. 5 use Electronic Notices. 6 use On-Demand Interview.
25. Combined Application Projects and Standard Medical Deduction.	No.	18 use combined application project. 35 do not.
26. Names for SNAP.	SNAP	30 are SNAP. 7 are Food Stamp Program. 16 are alternative name.

FURTHER EXPLANATION ON STATE OPTIONS

Reporting Requirements (Number 1 on “State Options” chart)

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 or when work hours change for able-bodied adults without dependents. 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).

If information is known to the agency, NE acts on all information. As clients are required to report changes for other economic assistance programs, the change is made for SNAP also. If a client reports a decrease in income during their certification period, their SNAP benefits 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% of the federal poverty level, their SNAP case is closed.

As of October 31, 2014, there are currently 71,395 SNAP households in NE. Of these, 46,678 households are assigned to the Simplified Reporting Option. The Change Reporting Option has 23,721 cases assigned. Change Reporting cases could be assigned to the expansion of the Simplified Reporting option.

NE currently utilizes this option.

Simplified Reporting – Action on Changes (Number 2 on “State Options” chart)

Under simplified reporting, State agencies have the option to act on all changes reported during the certification period, or to act only on certain changes. States which have chosen to act on all changes must act to verify any changes reported and take appropriate action, even if this change reduces the client’s benefits. This option allows States that have combined SNAP/TANF programs to more seamlessly integrate. It avoids a situation where the TANF program has acted on a change, but SNAP has not, and decreases caseworker burden by aligning the programs.

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.

NE currently utilizes this option.

Simplified Reporting – Certification Length (Number 3 on “State Options” chart)

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 31, 2014, there are 46,678 SNAP households currently assigned to the Simplified Reporting Option.

As of October 1, 2014, NE is certifying Simplified Reporting households for six months.

Transitional Benefits (Numbers 4 on “State Options” chart)

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 may be extended so families receive the full 5 months of benefits. Twenty States have chosen to provide this work support for the full five months allowed in the legislation; all twenty of those States indicated they extend certification periods to complete the transition. Seven extend transitional benefits to household leaving non-TANF State agency funded cash programs. Three States have excluded additional types of TANF households from participation, such as those in which all members are ineligible due to failure to comply with laws related to a means-tested program, failure to cooperate with child support agencies, or being delinquent in court-ordered child support.

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

As of October 31, 2014, there are 996 SNAP households enrolled in the Transitional Benefit Option.

NE currently utilizes this option.

Simplified Income and Resources (Number 5 on “State Options” chart)

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. A number of resources cannot be excluded when using this option, including cash, licensed vehicles, and readily available amounts in financial institutions.

NE excludes 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 currently utilizes this option.

Verification of Deductible Expenses (Number 6 on “State Options” chart)

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 housing and child care costs.

NE verifies Child Care expenses. Other expenses are verified when questionable.

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

NE currently utilizes this option.

Verification of Household Characteristics (Number 7 on “State Options” chart)

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 characteristics that are selected for mandatory verification include the household composition, and the identity of members of the household other than the head of household.

NE verifies household composition and identity of household members other than the head of household only when questionable.

NE currently utilizes this option.

Vehicle Policy (Number 8 on “State Options” chart)

States have the option of substituting the vehicle rules used in their TANF programs for SNAP vehicle rules when it results in a lower attribution of household assets. The alternative rules used have allowed 37 States to exclude the value of all vehicles entirely. The remaining 16 States exclude the value of at least one vehicle per household. Of those, 4 have raised the standard auto exemption (currently set at \$4,650) to the fair market value to determine the countable resource value of a vehicle.

NE uses Child Care 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, 2013 through September 30, 2014, there were 63 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. This option may expand SNAP eligibility.

NE currently utilizes this option.

Broad-Based Categorical Eligibility (BBCE) (Number 9 on “State Options” report)

BBCE is a policy that makes most households categorically eligible for SNAP because they qualify for a non-cash Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or State maintenance of effort (MOE) funded benefit. States have flexibility in designing their TANF programs use to confer BBCE. They can tailor their eligibility standards to best meet the needs of their low-income population while ensuring access to and integrity in SNAP. In some states all households are eligible for the non-cash TANF/MOE benefit that confers categorical eligibility, while some States limit eligibility to only certain households. For example, a State may provide the benefit that confers BBCE only to households with dependent children.

NE expands 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 expands categorical eligibility by “broad-based” eligibility requirements through the Expanded Resource Program. 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. This option expands SNAP eligibility.

NE currently utilizes this option.

Simplified Homeless Housing Costs (Number 10 on “State Options” chart)

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 currently utilizes this option.

Standard Utility Allowance (SUA) (Number 11 on “State Options” chart)

State agencies electing to use the SUA for all households in place of actual utility costs can adopt the mandatory simplified SUA. By taking this option, the State opts out of the requirement to prorate the SUA for household that share living space. In addition, this option allows States to apply the SUA to public housing residents with shared meters who are charged only for excess utility costs. 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 currently utilizes this option.

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

States have the option to treat legally obligated child support payments made to non-household members as income exclusion rather than a deduction. This option helps to encourage payment of child support by excluding the amount paid from being considered part of the payer’s gross income.

This option would expand SNAP eligibility.

NE does not currently utilize this option, thus it treats Child Support as a deduction, not an income exclusion.

Simplified Self-Employment Determination (Number 13 on “State Options” chart)

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, 16 use a flat percentage of gross income applied to all types of self-employment. One State uses different percentages depending on the type of self-employment. One State uses a flat \$100 or actual expenses, whichever is greater.

This option will not expand initial or continue SNAP eligibility but could increase some clients' benefits and decrease other clients' benefits.

NE does not currently utilize this option.

Ineligible Non-Citizen Income & Deductions (Number 14 on “State Options” chart)

Ineligible non-citizens 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 a prorated share for each category.

Average Student Work Hours (Number 15 on “State Options” chart)

Following SNAP rules, students over age 17 and under age 50 who are enrolled at least half-time at an institution of higher education are ineligible for SNAP benefits unless they work at least 20 hours per week or meet other criteria like caring for a young child or participating in an on-the-job training program. States can request a waiver to allow them to average student work hours monthly. This waiver assists students whose hours may vary each week but who work at least 80 hours per month.

NE currently utilizes this option.

Employment & Training Sanction Periods (Number 16 on “State Options” chart)

SNAP regulations require all non-exempt household members to comply with work requirements. Work requirements include registering for work, participating in an employment and training (E&T) or workfare program if assigned to one by the State agency, not voluntarily quitting a job 30 or more hours per week and accepting a suitable employment offer. Individuals who fail to comply with SNAP work requirements without good cause are ineligible for programs benefits and disqualified from 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 on the third occurrence; and 3) sanction the entire household whenever the head of household fails to comply with E&T program requirements.

NE disqualifies the entire household whenever the head of household fails to comply with work requirements other than the E&T program. NE runs a voluntary E&T program.

Comparable Disqualification (Number 17 on “State Options” chart)

State agencies may disqualify SNAP applicants or recipients who fail to perform actions required by other means-tested programs, primarily TANF. A State agency has the option to select the types of disqualifications within a program that it wants to impose on SNAP recipients. Only the individual who committed the violation may be disqualified from SNAP, even if the entire household was disqualified under the rules of the other means-tested program.

This option does not expand initial SNAP eligibility nor will it increase monthly allotments.

NE currently utilizes this option.

Child Support-Related Disqualification (Number 18 on “State Options” chart)

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 does not currently utilize this option.

Drug Felony Disqualification (Number 19 on “State Options” chart)

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 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.

Revised Statutes of Nebraska, Section 68-6017.02, mandates a modified approach to the drug felony disqualification. This option reduces SNAP eligibility.

NE currently utilizes this option.

Online Applications and Case Management (Number 20 on “State Options” chart)

Thirty States provide applicants for SNAP with the opportunity to apply for benefits online. This option has been fully implemented statewide in 35 States, and is limited to certain counties or project areas in the remaining three States. Many State websites also allow clients to view information about their case or report changes in factors that affect eligibility or benefit level.

NE provides applicants for the SNAP 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 excluding Medicaid. Additionally, NE provides an online self-screening tool. The department has computers in local offices for applicants’ 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 23,514 *total* (paper and electronic) applications for all programs in October 2014. Of those, 11,438 were electronic applications (48 percent). Of the electronic applications, 34 percent were received during non-work hours.

The total number of *electronic* applications for all programs submitted from October 1, 2013, through September 30, 2014, was 140,677. Of the electronic applications, 46,143 (32 percent) were received during non-work hours.

This option does not expand initial eligibility for SNAP.

NE currently utilizes this option.

Call Centers (Number 21 on “State Options” chart)

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.

In NE, the Division of Children and Family Services, Economic Assistance programs tied to ACCESSNebraska have two Customer Service Centers located in Fremont and Scottsbluff as well as many local offices across the state. This does not expand initial eligibility for SNAP eligibility.

NE currently utilizes this option.

Document Imaging (Number 22 on “State Options” chart)

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).

In NE, the Division of Children and Family Services, Economic Assistance programs has one Document Imaging Center, located in Omaha, NE, that accepts applications, forms and verifications from customers.

This option does not expand initial eligibility for SNAP eligibility.

NE currently utilizes this option

Program Integration (Number 23 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 are 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, five 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. As of October 1, 2013, NE does not completely integrate the eligibility and intake process for SNAP and Medicaid. SNAP does integrate with other programs, to include TANF, LIHEAP and Child Care (CCDF). SNAP and Medicaid do share a common computer system, thus some information is integrated. Information known to Medicaid is not considered known to SNAP.

This option does not expand SNAP eligibility.

NE does not currently utilize this option.

Process Improvement Waivers (Number 24 on “State Options” chart)

Due to limited State budgets, combined with economic conditions which have led to increased need, States are seeking innovative policy and technology solutions to increase efficiency. Four such process improvement waivers are: 1) The waiver of the interview for the elderly and disabled at recertification allows a State to waive the recertification interview for households in which all adult members are elderly or disabled with no earned income; 2) The expedited service interview postponement waiver allows a State to postpone the interview for an expedited service household for up to two months in certain cases when the identity can be verified; 3) The on-demand interview waiver allows a State to have clients to call in for an interview during certain hours and within a certain time period, rather than scheduling an appointment for a specific date and time; and 4) The electronic notices waiver allows a State to issue electronic notices to clients who elect to receive email communication, rather than receiving paper notifications.

NE waives the recertification interview for households in which all adult members are elderly or disabled with no earned income.

Combined Application Projects and Standard Medical Deduction (Number 25 on “State Options” chart)

Combined Application Projects (CAPs) are a partnership between the Social Security Administration (SSA), the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) and State and local agencies to streamline application procedures for individuals receiving disability benefits. The projects strengthen access to nutrition benefits for the elderly and disabled while improving SNAP administration. The combination of standardized benefits, reduced recertification requirements and eliminating the need for SSI recipients to visit the local SNAP office has significantly increased participation among the elderly and disabled.

SNAP households with individuals who are disabled or over 60 years in age are entitled to deduct allowable, out-of-pocket medical expenses for that household member that are in excess of \$35/month. State agencies may request a demonstration waiver to establish a Standard Medical Deduction in lieu of calculating actual expenses. This streamlines case handling procedures while still requiring qualifying households to verify that their medical expenses exceed \$35/month.

NE does not utilize this option.

Names for SNAP (Number 26 on “State Options” chart)

As of Oct. 1, 2008, SNAP is the 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. The name change was mandated by the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008. At the State level, State agencies may adopt the new program name, continue to refer to their program as the Food Stamp Program or choose an alternate name.

NE uses the name SNAP.

OTHER:

Required Verification

Effective October 2009, when total countable resources were below \$1,500, a client's declaration on resources is sufficient. Client declaration on shelter and utility expenses is also accepted. Accepting client declaration is allowed per Title 7 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). This does not expand initial SNAP eligibility.

Report Changes (ACCESSNebraska)

Effective November 2009, 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 contracts with the Food Bank for the Heartland and a number of other community advocacy agencies in a formal Outreach Plan.

The DHHS has also developed a process of establishing community partnerships with community agencies and advocates increasing outreach primarily through assisting community partners with outreach and application assistance to SNAP applicants.

The DHHS presents information at area events, through Public Service Announcements on the radio and television for ACCESSNebraska web services as well as with brochures and flyers available at local offices and through community partners.

This does not expand initial SNAP eligibility.

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the 10th Edition of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) State Options Report. This report summarizes information related to State policy and administrative options.

SNAP's statutes, regulations, and waivers 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. Modernization and technology have provided States with new opportunities and options in administering the program. Certain options may facilitate program design goals, such as removing or reducing barriers to equal opportunity 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 catalogues options in effect as of August 2012.** Several States have reported plans to implement various options at later dates. Those choices will be reflected in future editions of this report.

New options reflected in the 10th Edition include Combined Application Projects, the Standard Medical Deduction, Process Improvement Waivers, Verification of Household Characteristics and Action on Changes. Combined Application Projects (CAPs) streamline the application process for individuals applying for both disability benefits and SNAP, and the Standard Medical Deduction allows States to apply a standard amount for qualifying medical expense deductions instead of using actual expenses. Another new map reflects process improvement waivers that help States better manage caseloads and provide improved customer service. This edition of the State Options Report also tracks two common household characteristics that States may choose to verify, in addition to mandatory verifications: household composition and the identity of household members other than the head of household. The Action on Changes map shows which States have chosen to act on all changes in household circumstances during the simplified reporting certification period. These new option pages are indicated with a star (★) to the right of the heading.

Section One describes each option, providing a list and map of the States that have selected the option. Section Two provides a State by State summary of the options each agency has chosen. Also, as in the 9th Edition, this report includes regulatory citations in the upper right-hand corner of each option profile page. These will help guide the reader to relevant provisions found in Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Although many individuals contributed to this report, special thanks go to the FNS Office of Research and Analysis for generating the maps included in the report. For any questions, corrections or suggestions about the State Options Report, please contact SNAP's Program Development Division at (703) 305-2437.

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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 using 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 when total countable income rises above 130 percent of the poverty level or when work hours change for able-bodied adults without dependents. 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 (52)

- Alabama
- Alaska
- Arizona
- Arkansas
- Colorado
- Connecticut
- Delaware
- DC
- Florida
- Georgia
- Guam
- Hawaii
- Idaho

- Illinois
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Maine
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Mississippi
- Missouri
- Montana
- Nebraska
- Nevada

- New Hampshire
- New Jersey
- New Mexico
- New York
- North Carolina
- North Dakota
- Ohio
- Oklahoma
- Oregon
- Pennsylvania
- Rhode Island
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- Utah

- Vermont
- Virgin Islands
- Virginia
- Washington
- West Virginia
- Wisconsin
- Wyoming

CHANGE REPORTING (25)

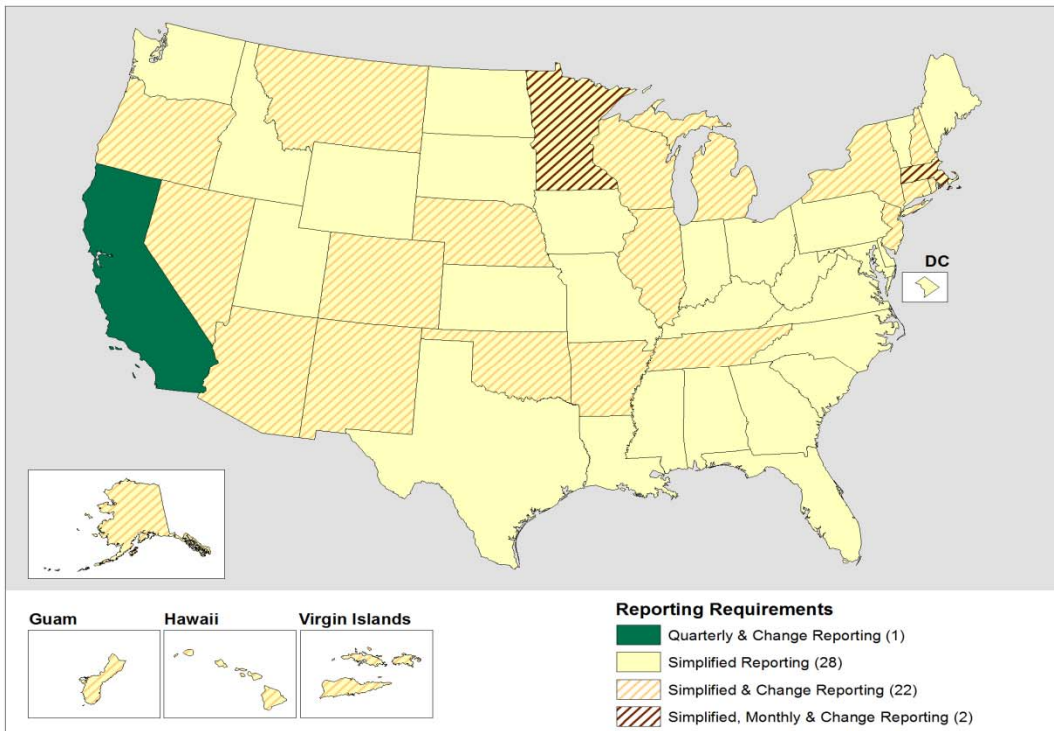
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- New Jersey
- New Mexico
- New York
- Oklahoma

- Oregon
- Rhode Island
- Tennessee
- Virgin Islands
- Wisconsin

QUARTERLY REPORTING (1)

- California
- MONTHLY REPORTING (2)
- Massachusetts
- Minnesota





Under simplified reporting, State agencies have the option to act on all changes reported during the certification period, or to act only on certain changes. States which have chosen to act on all changes must act to verify any changes reported and take appropriate action, even if this change reduces the client’s benefit. This option allows States that have combined SNAP/TANF programs to more seamlessly integrate. It avoids a situation where the TANF program has acted on a change, but SNAP has not, and decreases caseworker burden by aligning the programs.

ACT ON ALL CHANGES (34)

- Alaska
- Arizona
- Arkansas
- Connecticut
- Delaware
- DC
- Guam
- Illinois

- Indiana
- Iowa
- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Maine
- Maryland
- Minnesota
- Mississippi
- Montana
- Nebraska
- Nevada

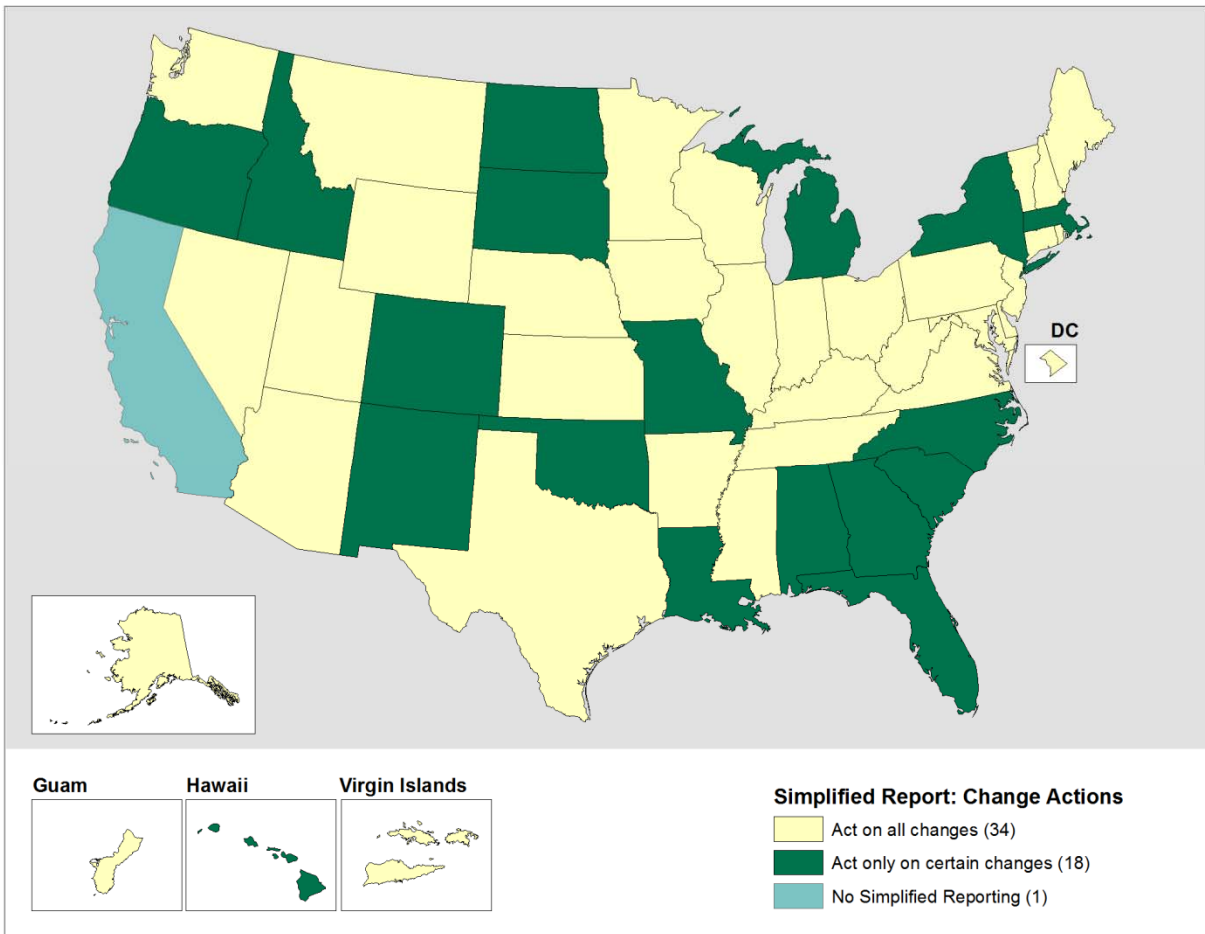
- New Hampshire
- New Jersey
- Ohio
- Pennsylvania
- Rhode Island
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Utah
- Vermont
- Virgin Islands
- Virginia

- Washington
- West Virginia
- Wisconsin
- Wyoming

ACT ONLY ON CERTAIN CHANGES (18)

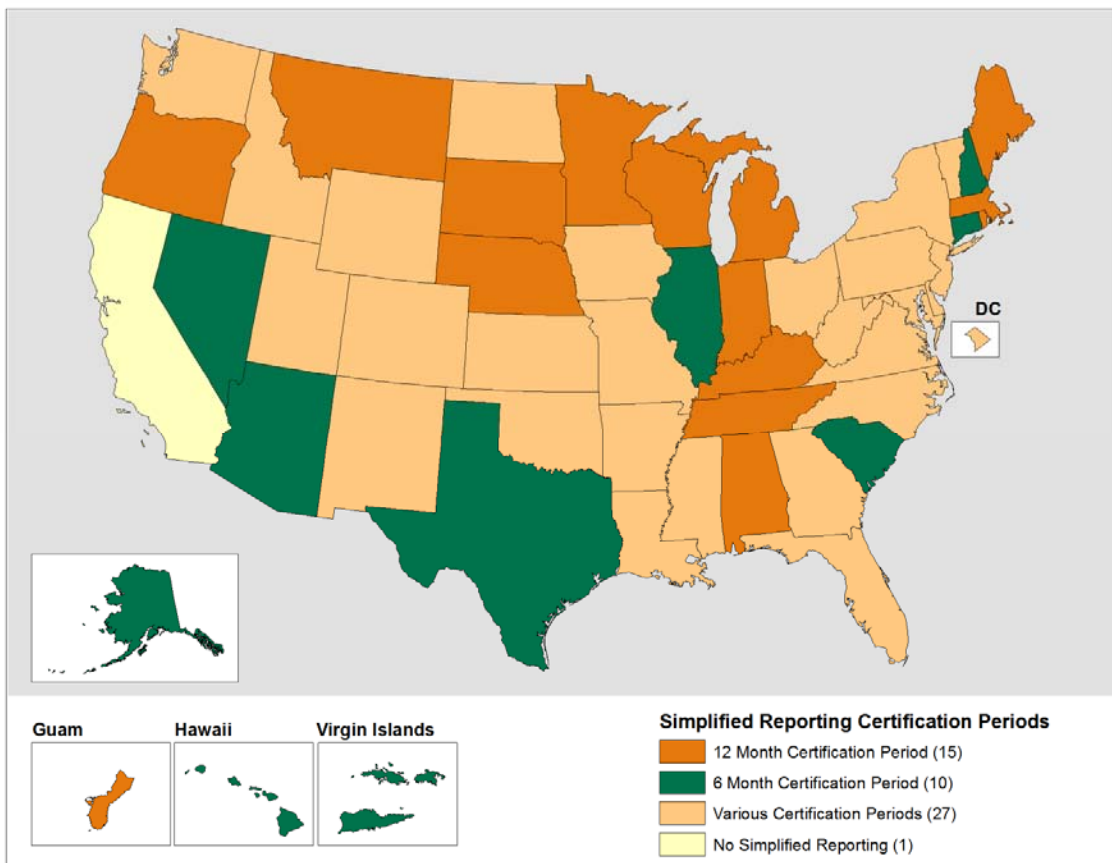
- Alabama
- Colorado
- Florida
- Georgia
- Hawaii
- Idaho
- Louisiana

- Massachusetts
- Michigan
- Missouri
- New Mexico
- New York
- North Carolina
- North Dakota
- Oklahoma
- Oregon
- South Carolina
- South Dakota



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.

MULTIPLE CERTIFICATION PERIODS ASSIGNED (27) Arkansas Colorado Delaware DC Florida Georgia Idaho Iowa Kansas Louisiana	Maryland Mississippi Missouri New Jersey New Mexico New York North Carolina North Dakota Ohio Oklahoma Pennsylvania Utah Vermont Virginia Washington	West Virginia Wyoming	Texas Virgin Islands	Montana Nebraska Oregon Rhode Island South Dakota Tennessee Wisconsin
	SIX MONTH PERIODS (10) Alaska Arizona Connecticut Hawaii Illinois Nevada New Hampshire South Carolina	TWELVE MONTH PERIODS (15) Alabama Guam Indiana Kentucky Maine Massachusetts Michigan Minnesota		



This is an option available to States to help support families as they move off Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) or State-funded cash assistance. Benefits can be continued for up to five months at a level equal to the amount the household received prior to TANF termination with adjustments for the loss of TANF income. Certification periods may be extended so that families receive the full 5 months of benefits. Twenty States have chosen to provide this work support for the full five months allowed in the legislation; all twenty of those States indicated they extend certification periods to complete the transition. Seven extend transitional benefits to households leaving non-TANF State agency funded cash programs. Three States have excluded additional types of TANF households from participation, such as those in which all members are ineligible due to failure to comply with laws related to a means-tested program, failure to cooperate with child support agencies, or being delinquent in court-ordered child support.

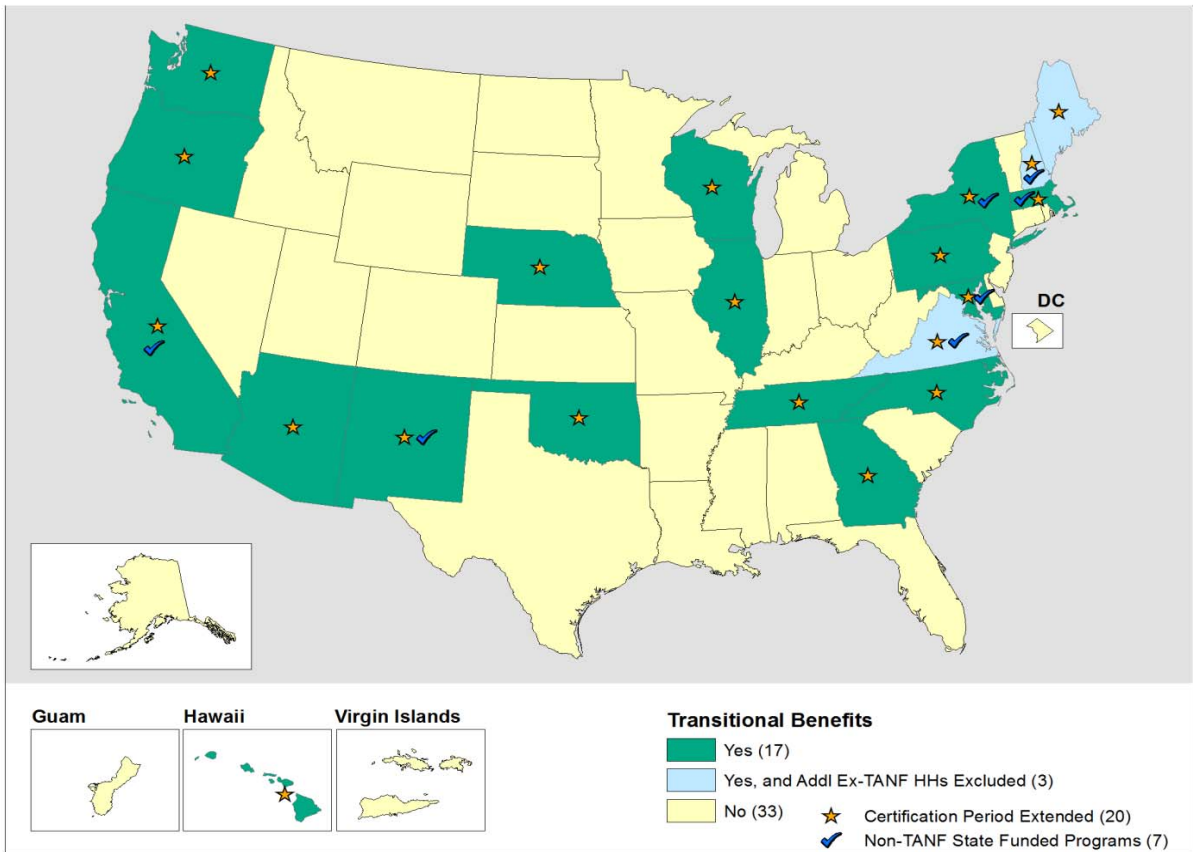
TRANSITIONAL BENEFITS AND CERTIFICATION EXTENSION (20)
 Arizona
 California
 Georgia
 Hawaii

Illinois
 Maine
 Maryland
 Massachusetts
 Nebraska
 New Hampshire
 New Mexico
 New York
 North Carolina

Oklahoma
 Oregon
 Pennsylvania
 Tennessee
 Virginia
 Washington
 Wisconsin

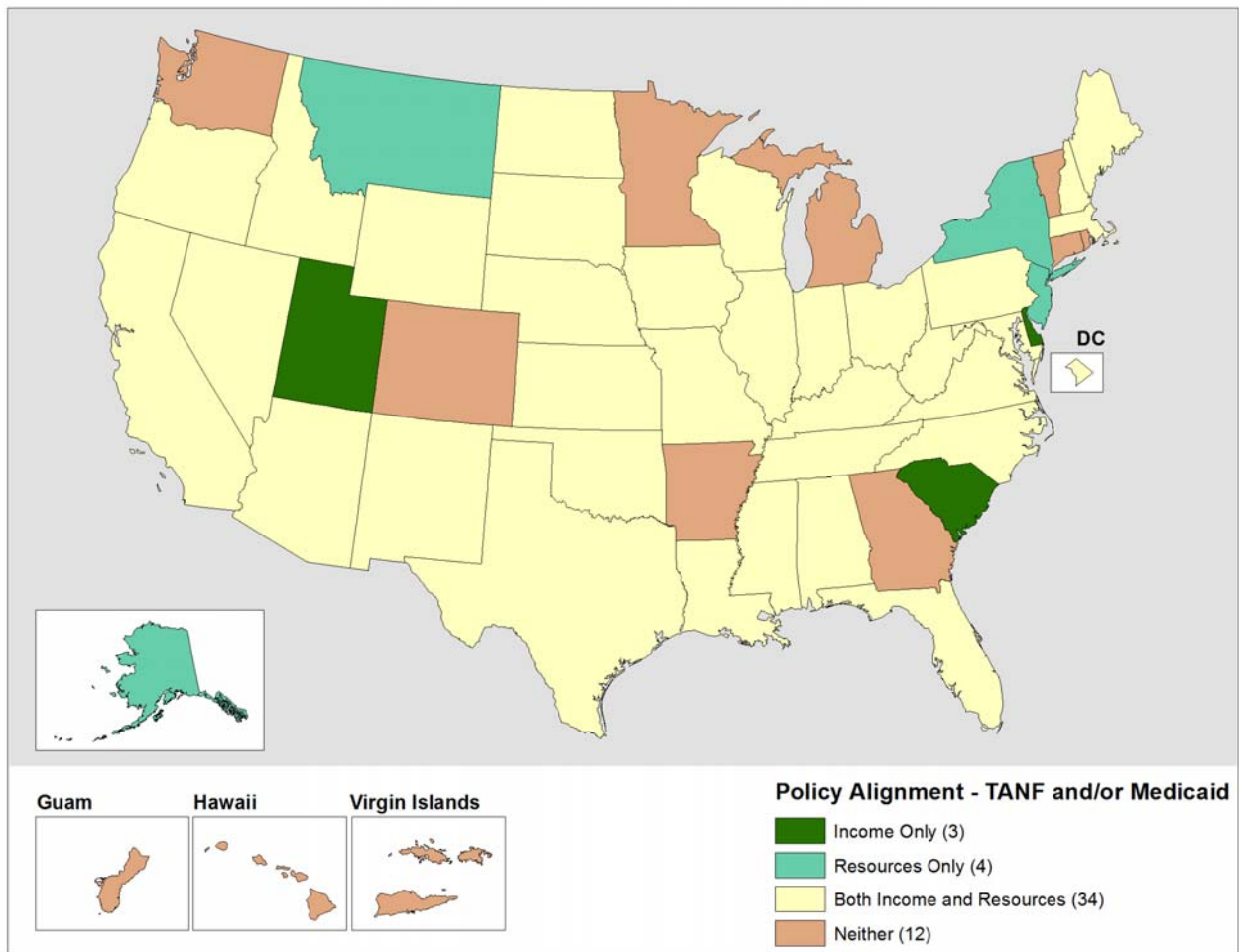
ADDITIONAL HHS EXCLUDED (3)
 Maine
 New Hampshire
 Virginia

TRANS'L BENEFITS FOR NON-TANF (7)
 California
 Maryland
 Massachusetts
 New Hampshire
 New Mexico
 New York
 Virginia



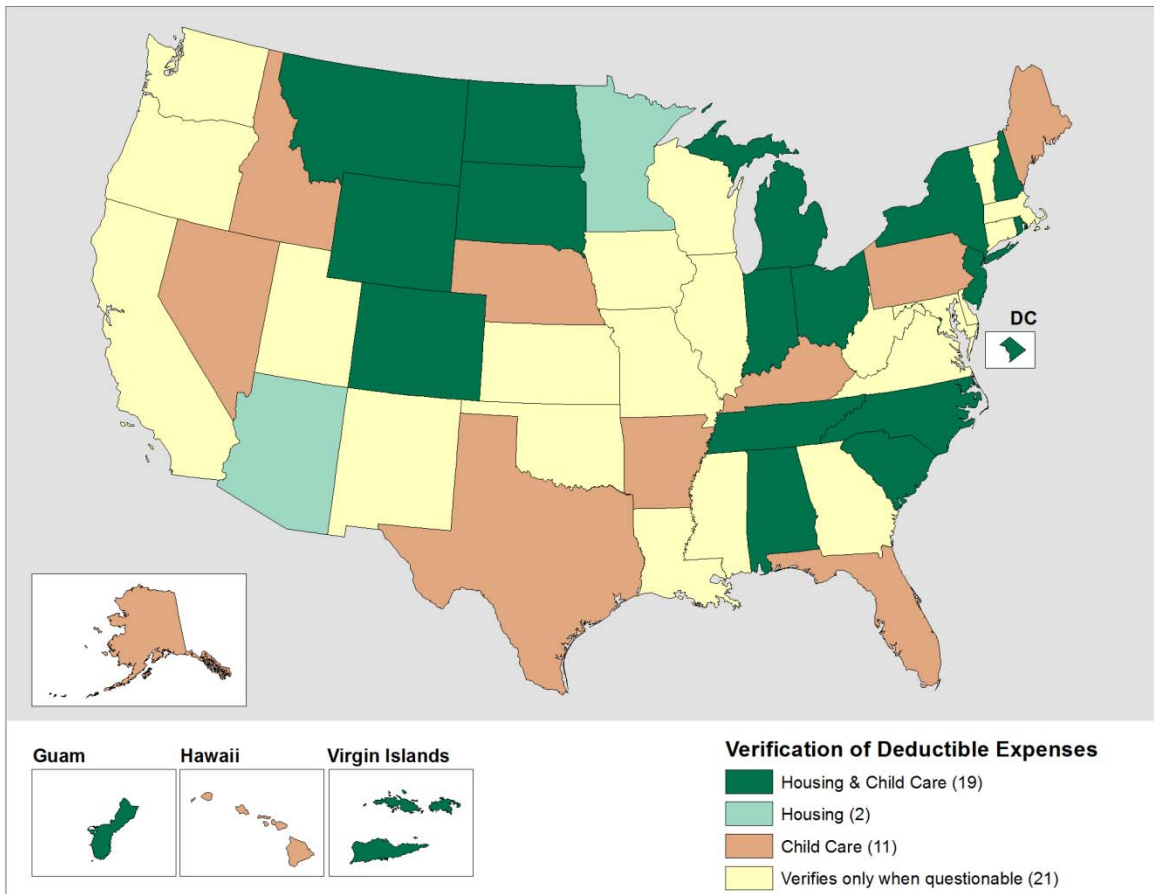
State agencies have the option to exclude some types of income and resources by aligning SNAP policy with TANF or Medicaid policy. Any income not counted under Section 1931 of Medicaid or TANF can be excluded with some exceptions. The exceptions are wages, salaries, benefits from major assistance programs, 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. A number of resources cannot be excluded when using this option, including cash, licensed vehicles, and readily available amounts in financial institutions.

SIMPLIFIED DEFINITION OF INCOME (3)	SIMPLIFIED DEFINITION OF RESOURCES (4)	BOTH (34)		
Delaware	Alaska	Alabama	Kentucky	North Dakota
South Carolina	Montana	Arizona	Louisiana	Ohio
Utah	New Jersey	California	Maine	Oklahoma
	New York	DC	Maryland	Oregon
		Florida	Massachusetts	Pennsylvania
		Idaho	Mississippi	South Dakota
		Illinois	Missouri	Tennessee
		Indiana	Nebraska	Texas
		Iowa	Nevada	Virginia
		Kansas	New Hampshire	West Virginia
			New Mexico	Wisconsin
			North Carolina	Wyoming



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 housing and child care costs.

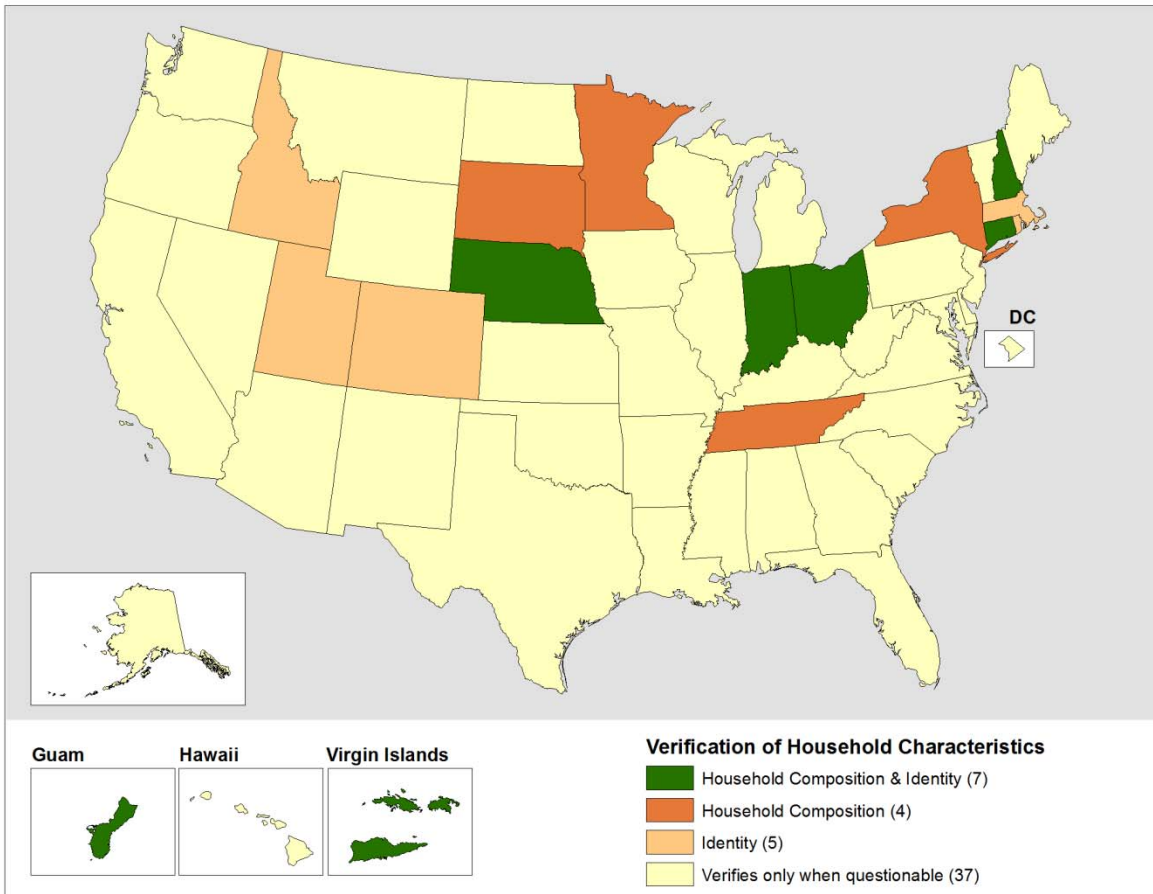
HOUSING AND CHILD CARE (19)	HOUSING ONLY (2)	CHILD CARE ONLY (11)	ONLY WHEN QUESTIONABLE (21)	
Alabama		Alaska	California	Missouri
Colorado		Arkansas	Connecticut	New Mexico
DC		Florida	Delaware	Oklahoma
Guam		Hawaii	Georgia	Oregon
Indiana		Idaho	Illinois	Utah
Michigan		Kentucky	Iowa	Vermont
Montana		Maine	Kansas	Virginia
New Hampshire	Arizona	Nebraska	Louisiana	Washington
New Jersey	Minnesota	Nevada	Maryland	West Virginia
New York		Pennsylvania	Massachusetts	Wisconsin
North Carolina		Texas	Mississippi	





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HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION AND ID OF ALL MEMBERS (7)	HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION ONLY (4)	IDENTITY OF ALL MEMBERS ONLY (5)	ONLY WHEN QUESTIONABLE (37)		
Connecticut	Minnesota	Colorado	Alabama	Illinois	North Carolina
Guam	New York	Idaho	Alaska	Iowa	North Dakota
Indiana	South Dakota	Massachusetts	Arizona	Kansas	Oklahoma
Nebraska	Tennessee	Rhode Island	Arkansas	Kentucky	Oregon
New Hampshire		Utah	California	Louisiana	Pennsylvania
Ohio			Delaware	Maine	South Carolina
Virgin Islands			DC	Maryland	Texas
			Florida	Michigan	Vermont
			Georgia	Mississippi	Virginia
			Hawaii	Missouri	Washington
				Montana	West Virginia
				Nevada	Wisconsin
				New Jersey	Wyoming
				New Mexico	



States have the option of substituting the vehicle rules used in their TANF programs for SNAP vehicle rules when it results in a lower attribution of household assets. The alternative rules used have allowed 37 States to exclude the value of all vehicles entirely. The remaining 16 States exclude the value of at least one vehicle per household. Of those, 4 have raised the standard auto exemption (currently set at \$4,650) to the fair market value to determine the countable resource value of a vehicle.

ALL VEHICLES EXCLUDED (37)

- Alabama
- Arizona
- California
- Colorado
- Connecticut
- Delaware
- DC
- Florida
- Georgia
- Guam
- Hawaii

- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- Minnesota
- Mississippi
- Missouri
- Montana
- New Jersey
- New Mexico
- New York
- North Carolina
- North Dakota

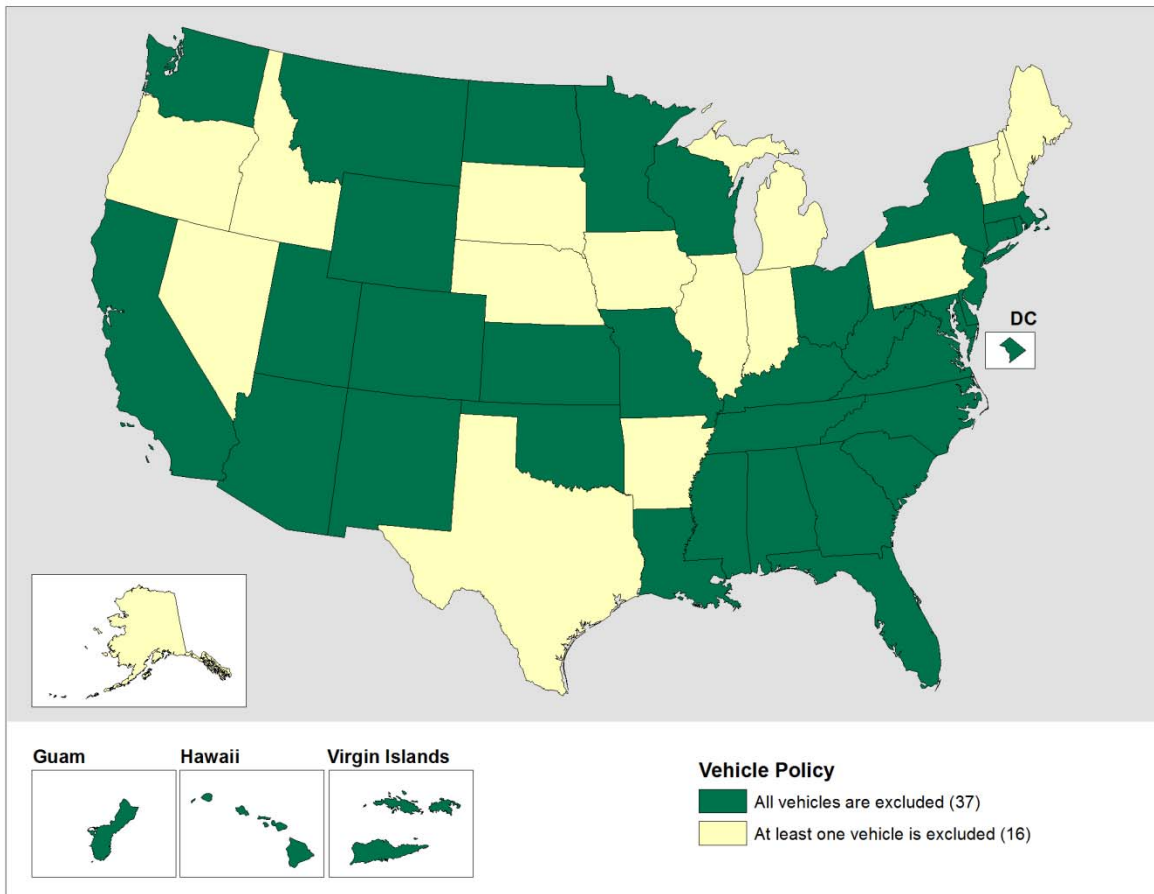
- Ohio
- Oklahoma
- Rhode Island
- South Carolina
- Tennessee
- Utah
- Virgin Islands
- Virginia
- Washington
- West Virginia
- Wisconsin
- Wyoming

AT LEAST ONE VEHICLE EXCLUDED PER HOUSEHOLD (16)

- Alaska
- Arkansas
- Idaho
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Maine
- Michigan*
- Nebraska*

- Nevada
- New Hampshire
- Oregon*
- Pennsylvania
- South Dakota
- Texas*
- Vermont

**Indicates that the State has increased the standard exemption amount.*



BBCE is a policy that makes most households categorically eligible for SNAP because they qualify for a non-cash Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or State maintenance of effort (MOE) funded benefit. States have flexibility in designing their TANF programs used to confer BBCE. They can tailor their eligibility standards to best meet the needs of their low-income population while ensuring access to and integrity in SNAP. In some States all households are eligible for the non-cash TANF/MOE benefit that confers categorical eligibility, while some States limit eligibility to only certain households. For example, a State may provide the benefit that confers BBCE only to households with dependent children.

BROAD BASED CATEGORICAL ELIGIBILITY (44)

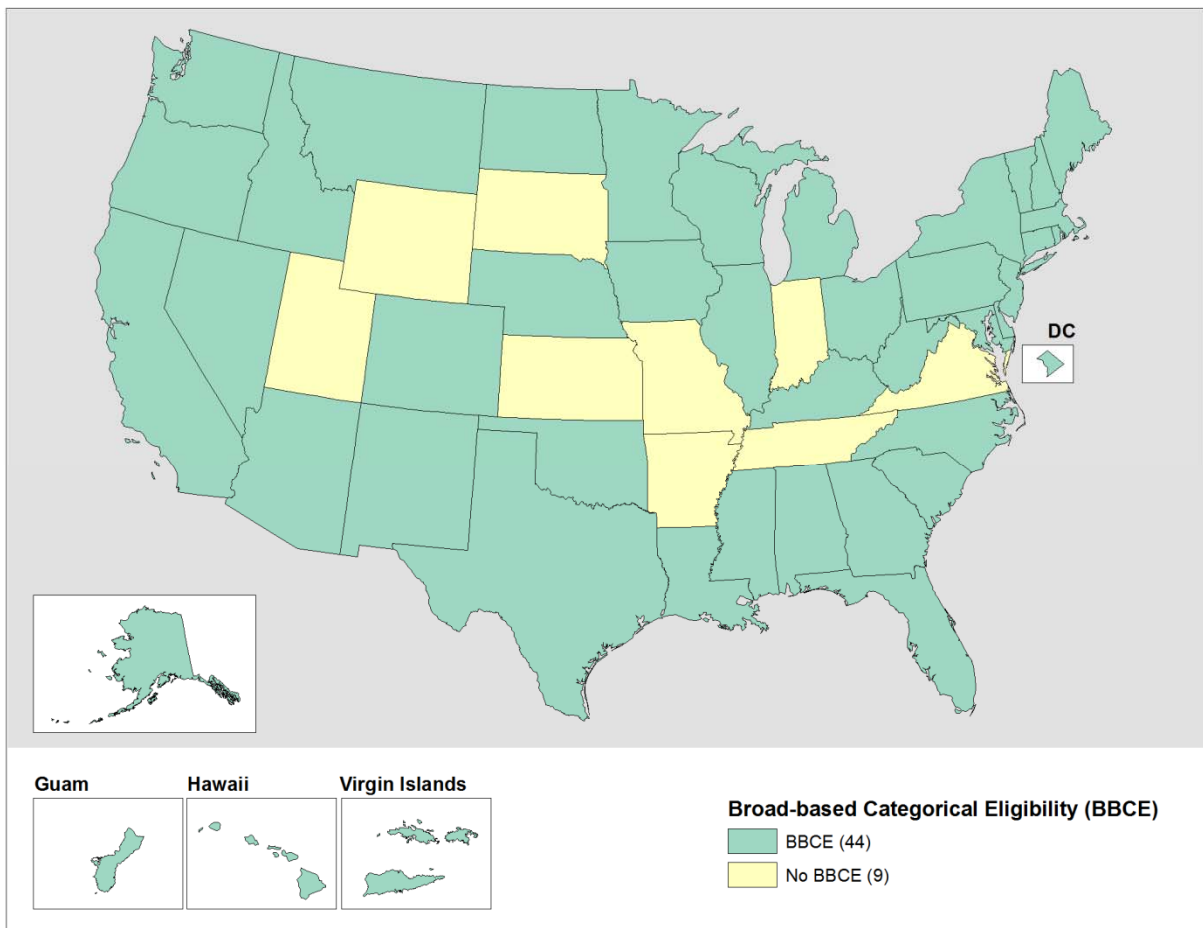
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Florida
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Guam
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Idaho
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Louisiana
Maine
Maryland
Massachusetts
Michigan
Minnesota
Mississippi
Montana
Nebraska
Nevada

New Hampshire
New Jersey
New Mexico
New York
North Carolina
North Dakota
Ohio
Oklahoma
Oregon
Pennsylvania

Rhode Island
South Carolina
Texas
Vermont
Virgin Islands
Washington
West Virginia
Wisconsin



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 (28)

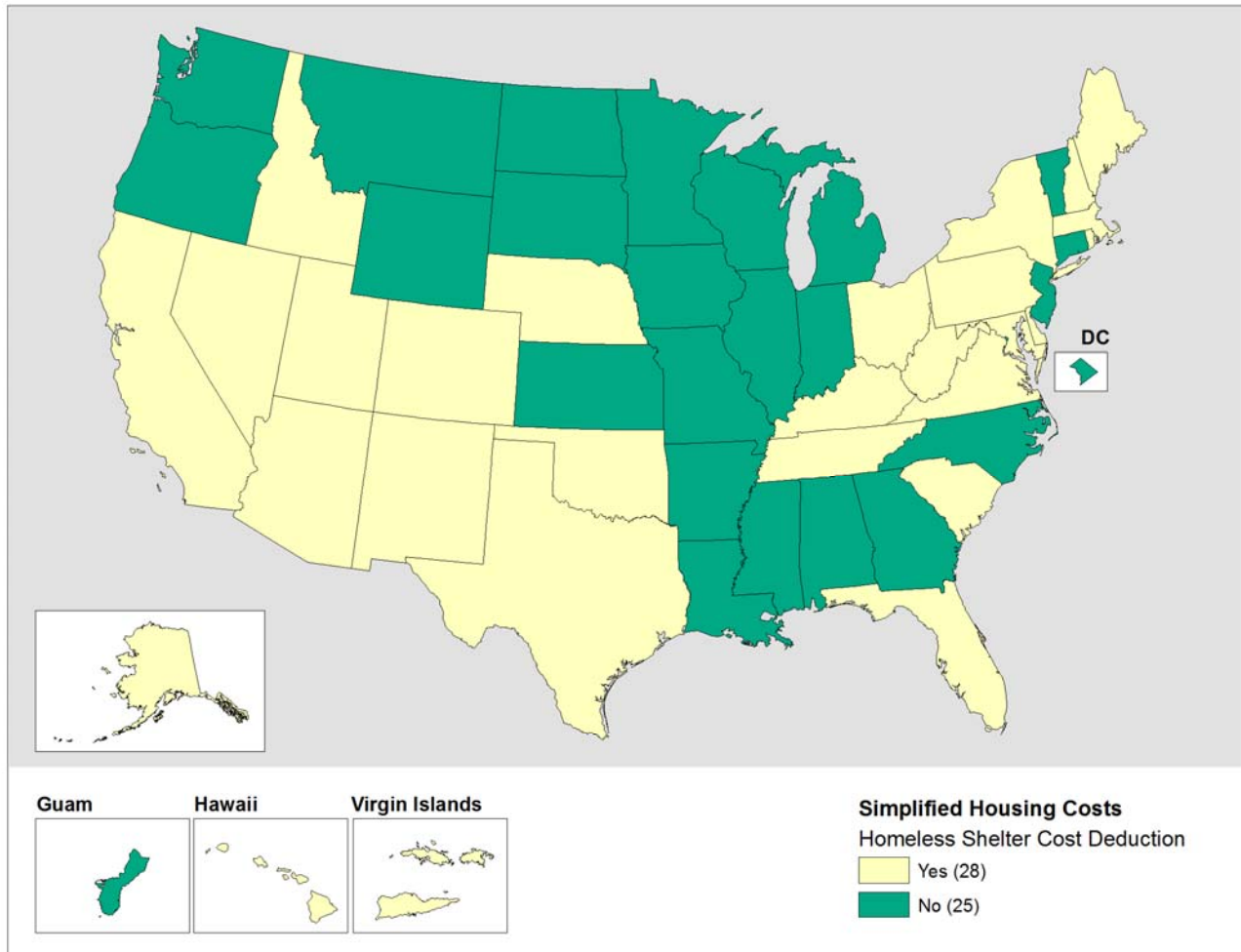
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Delaware
Florida
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Idaho
Kentucky
Maine

Maryland
Massachusetts
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New Mexico

New York
Ohio
Oklahoma
Pennsylvania
Rhode Island
South Carolina

Tennessee
Texas
Utah
Virgin Islands
Virginia
West Virginia



State agencies electing to use the SUA for all households in place of actual utility costs can adopt the mandatory simplified SUA. By taking this option, the State opts out of the requirement to prorate the SUA for households that share living space. In addition, this option allows States to apply the SUA to public housing residents with shared meters who are charged only for excess utility costs. All State agencies except the Virgin Islands use a Standard Utility Allowance.

MANDATORY SUA SIMPLIFIED (48)

Alabama
Alaska
Arizona
Colorado
Connecticut
Delaware
DC
Florida
Georgia

Guam
Idaho
Illinois
Indiana
Iowa
Kansas
Kentucky
Louisiana
Maine
Maryland
Massachusetts
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North Carolina
North Dakota
Ohio

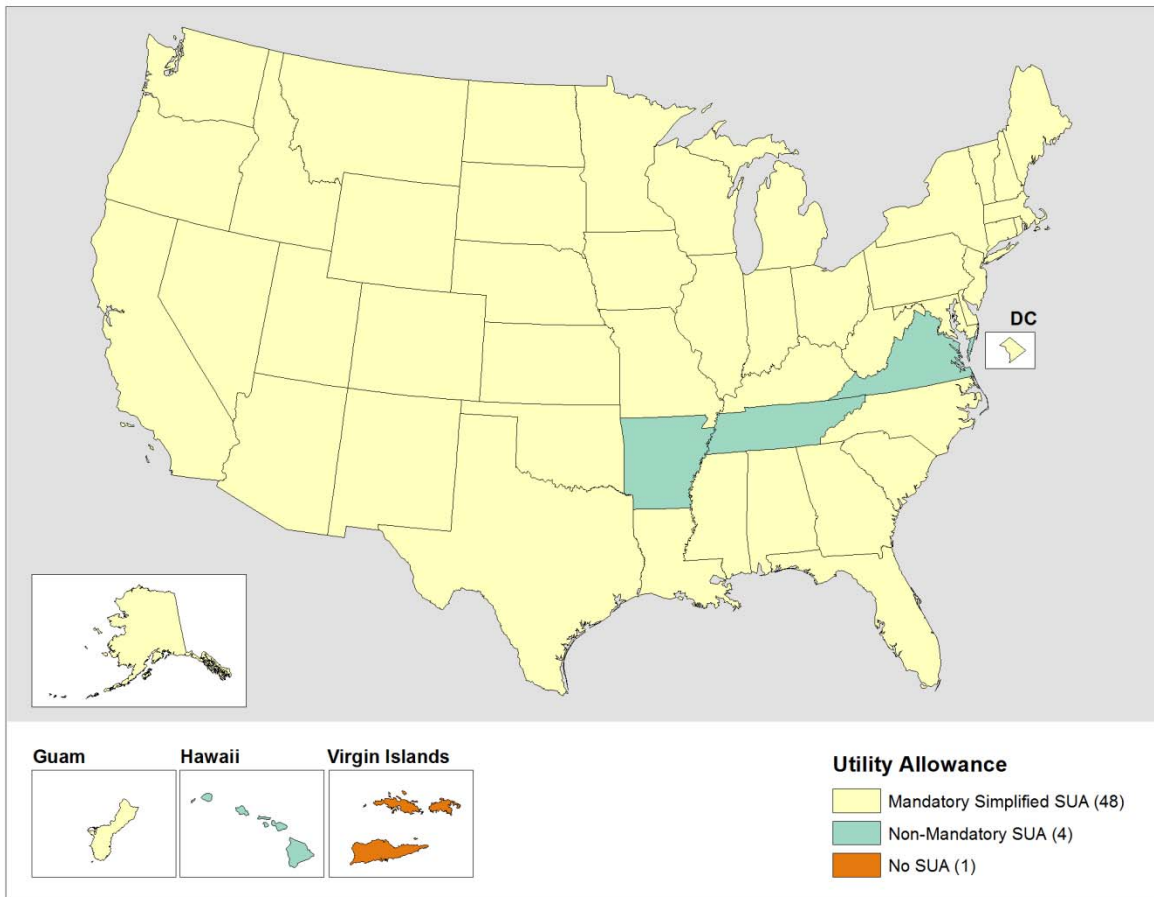
Oklahoma
Pennsylvania
Rhode Island
South Carolina
South Dakota
Texas
Utah
Vermont
Washington
West Virginia
Wisconsin
Wyoming

SUA NOT MANDATORY (4)

Arkansas
Hawaii
Tennessee
Virginia

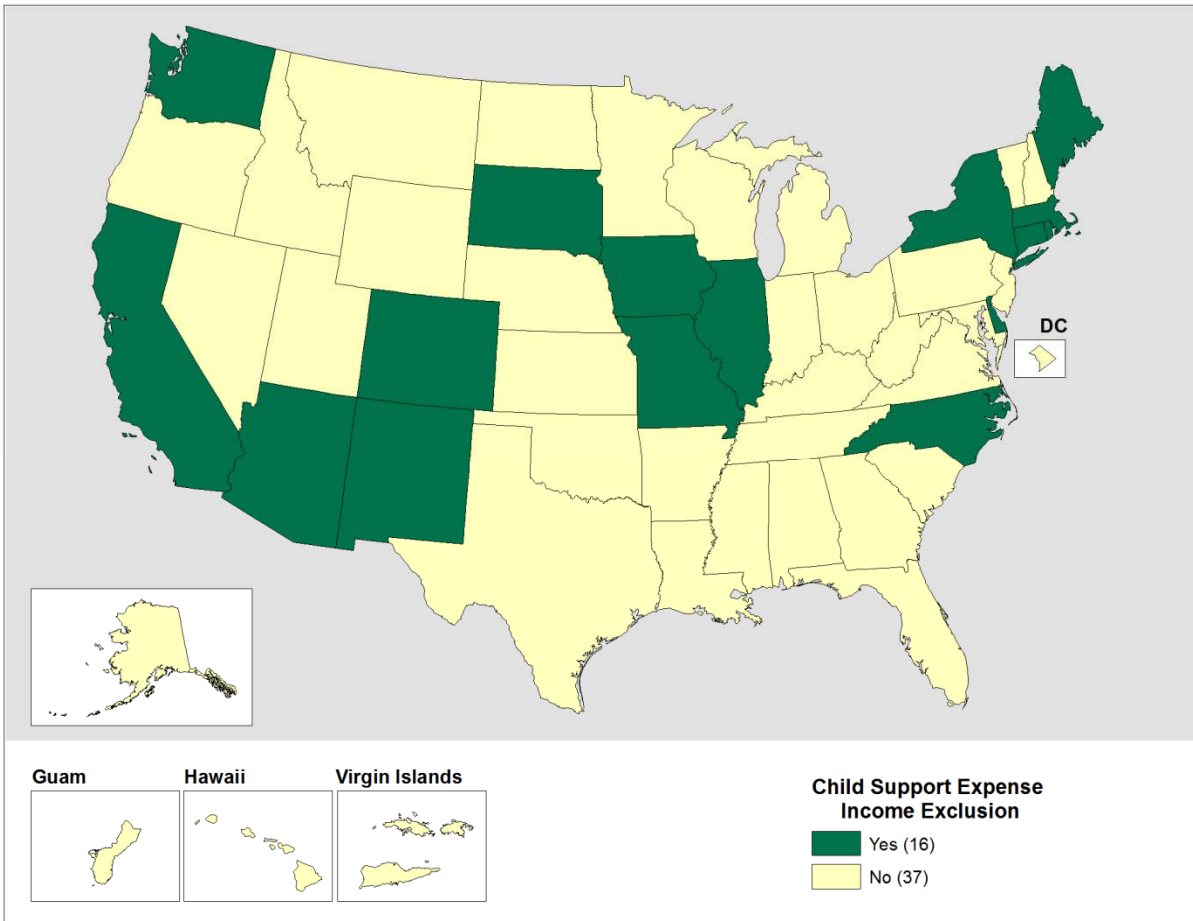
TELEPHONE ALLOWANCE ONLY (1)

Virgin Islands



States have the option to treat legally obligated child support payments made to non-household members as an income exclusion rather than a deduction. This option helps to encourage payment of child support by excluding the amount paid from being considered part of the payer’s gross income.

CHILD SUPPORT EXPENSE EXCLUSION (16)		
Arizona	Connecticut	New Mexico
California	Delaware	New York
Colorado	Illinois	North Carolina
	Iowa	Rhode Island
	Maine	South Dakota
	Massachusetts	Washington
	Missouri	



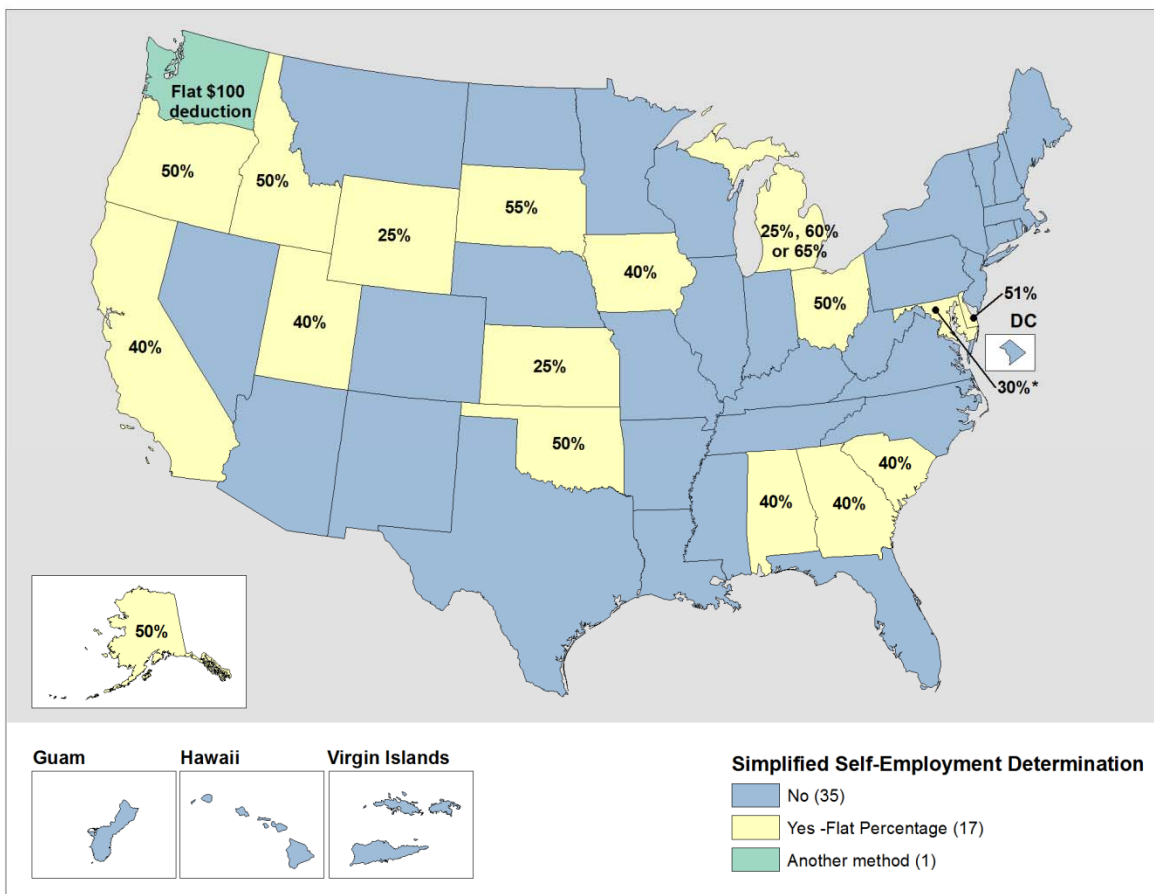
States have the option to adopt a simplified method for determining the cost of doing business in cases where an applicant is self-employed. Should a State decide to adopt a simplified method, the State agency has flexibility to develop a method to calculate this cost – a flat percentage, a figure based 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, 16 use a flat percentage of gross income applied to all types of self-employment. One State (Michigan) uses 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)

Alabama 40%
 Alaska 50%
 California 40%
 Delaware 51%
 Georgia 40%

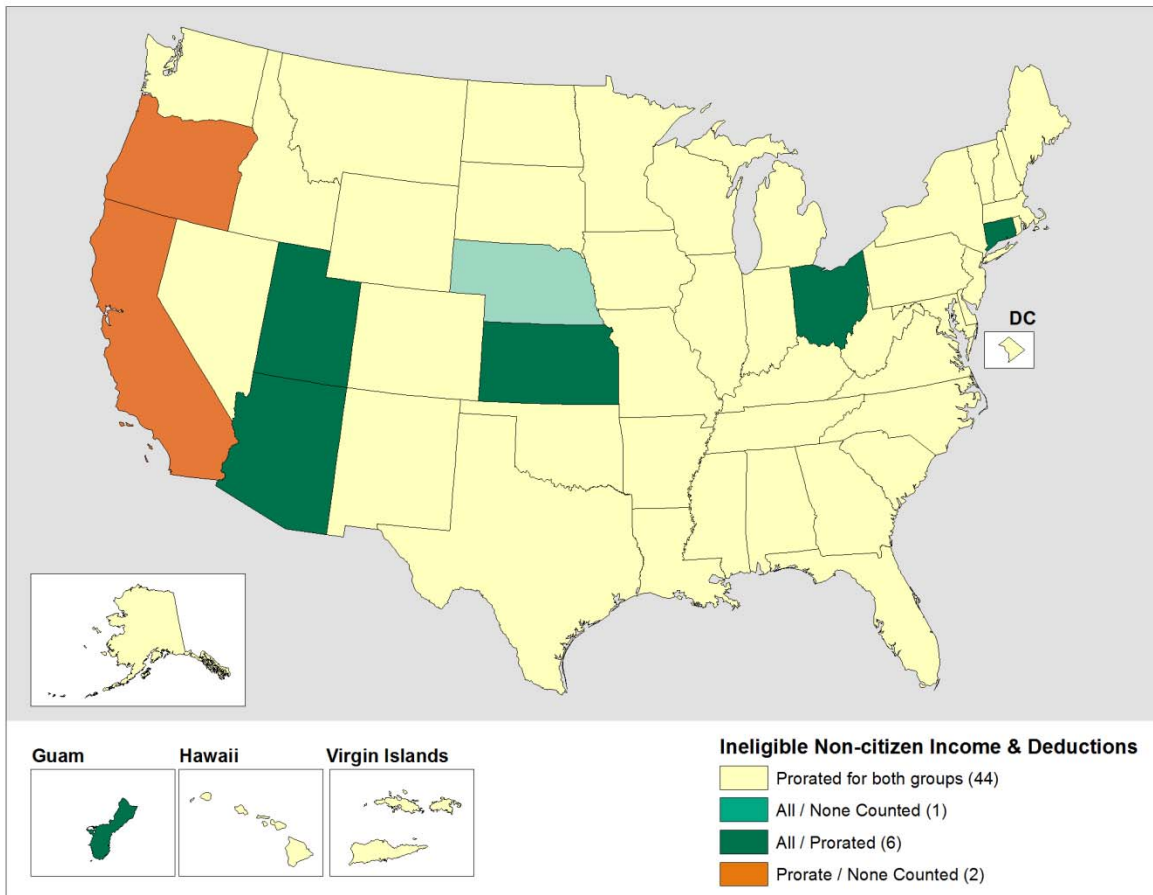
Idaho 50%
 Iowa 40%
 Kansas 25%
 Maryland 30%
 Michigan varies
 Ohio 50%
 Oklahoma 50%

Oregon 50%
 South Carolina 40%
 South Dakota 55%
 Utah 40%
 Washington flat \$100
 Wyoming 25%



Ineligible non-citizens 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 (44)	Hawaii	Missouri	South Dakota	PRORATED/NONE (2)
	Idaho	Montana	Tennessee	
Alabama Alaska Arkansas Colorado Delaware DC Florida Georgia	Illinois	Nevada	Texas	California
	Indiana	New Hampshire	Vermont	Oregon
	Iowa	New Jersey	Virgin Islands	ALL/PRORATED (6)
	Kentucky	New Mexico	Virginia	
	Louisiana	New York	Washington	
	Maine	North Carolina	West Virginia	
	Maryland	North Dakota	Wisconsin	
	Massachusetts	Oklahoma	Wyoming	
	Michigan	Pennsylvania	ALL/NONE (1)	Utah
	Minnesota	Rhode Island		Nebraska
	Mississippi	South Carolina		



Following SNAP rules, students over age 17 and under age 50 who are enrolled at least half time at an institution of higher education are ineligible for SNAP benefits unless they work at least 20 hours per week or meet other criteria like caring for a young child or participating in an on the job training program. States can request a waiver to allow them to average student work hours monthly. This waiver assists students whose hours may vary each week but who work at least 80 hours per month.

WAIVER TO AVERAGE STUDENT WORK HOURS (39)

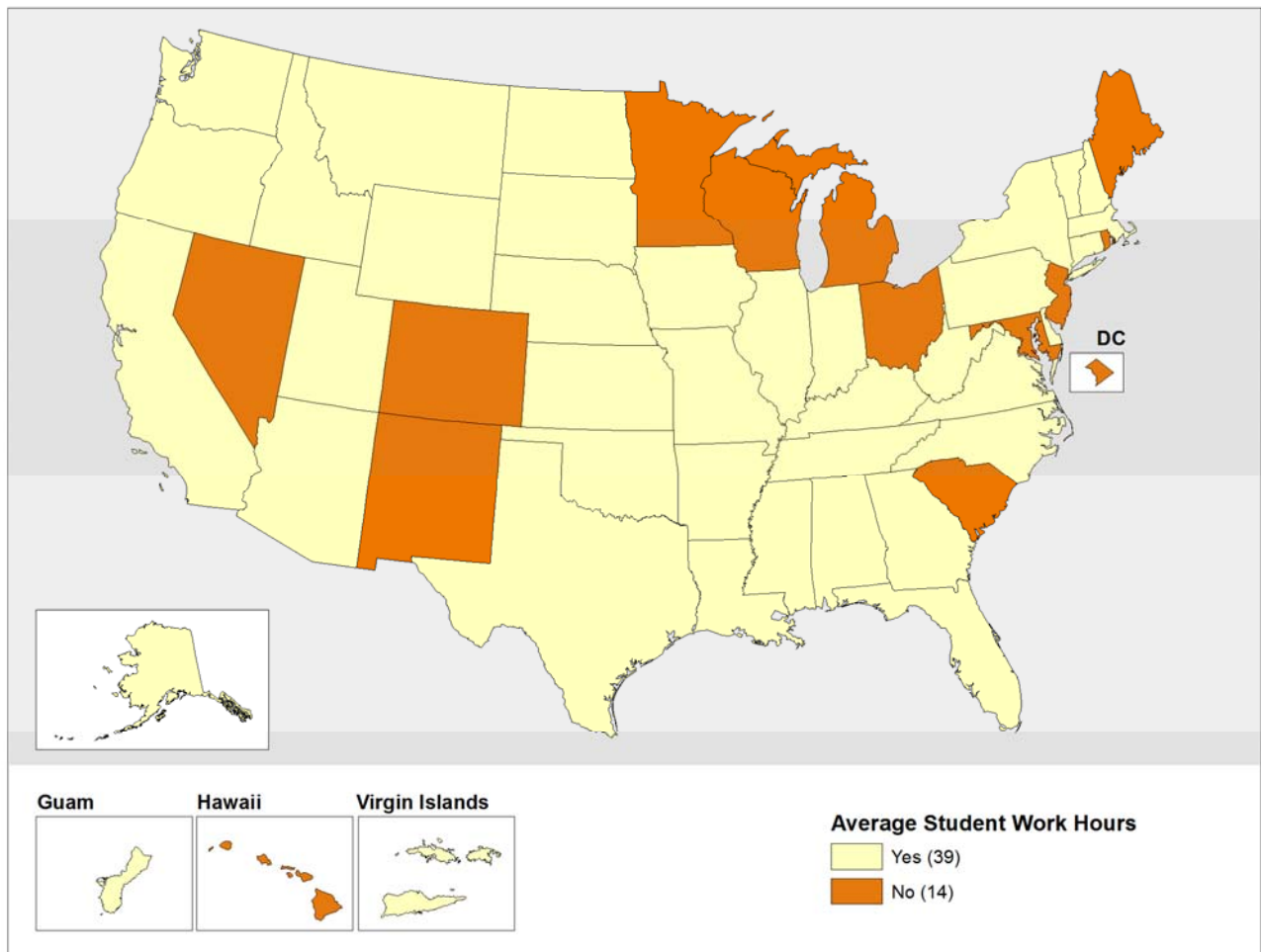
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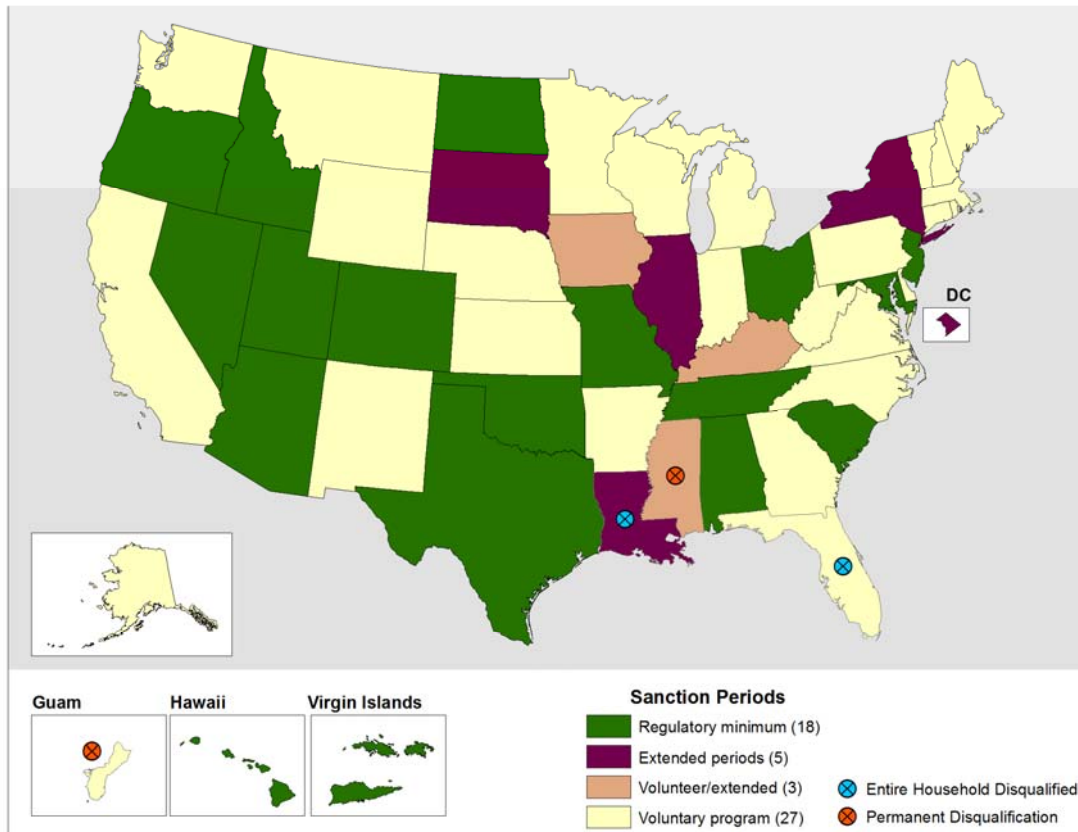
New York
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Oklahoma
Oregon
Pennsylvania
South Dakota
Tennessee
Texas

Utah
Vermont
Virgin Islands
Virginia
Washington
West Virginia
Wyoming



SNAP regulations require all non-exempt household members to comply with work requirements. Work requirements include registering for work, participating in an employment and training (E&T) or workfare program if assigned to one by the State agency, not voluntarily quitting a job 30 or more hours per week and accepting a suitable employment offer. Individuals who fail to comply with SNAP work requirements without good cause are ineligible for program benefits and disqualified from 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 work requirements.

REGULATORY MINIMUM (18)	EXTENDED PERIODS (5)	ALL VOLUNTEER E&T PROGRAM/ EXTENDED PERIODS(3)	ENTIRE HOUSEHOLD DISQUALIFIED(2)
Alabama	New Jersey	Iowa	Florida
Arizona	North Dakota	Kentucky	Louisiana
Colorado	Ohio	Mississippi	
Hawaii	Oklahoma		PERMANENT DISQUALIFICATION (1)
Idaho	Oregon		Mississippi
Maryland	South Carolina		Guam
Missouri	Tennessee		
Nevada	Texas		
	Utah		
	Virgin Islands		



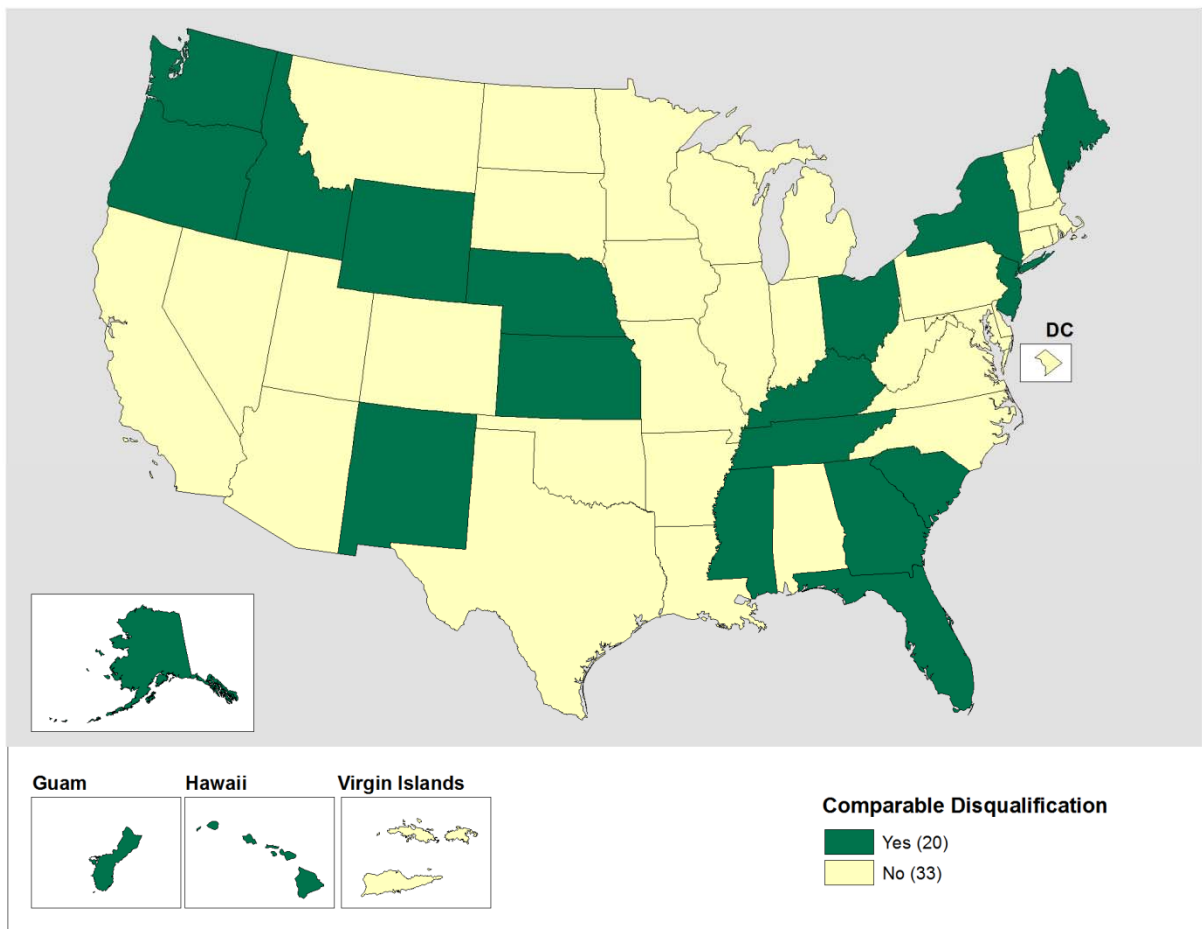
State agencies may disqualify SNAP applicants or recipients who fail to perform actions required by other means-tested programs, primarily TANF. A State agency has the option to select the types of disqualifications within a program that it wants to impose on SNAP recipients. Only the individual who committed the violation may be disqualified from SNAP, even if the entire household was disqualified under the rules of the other means-tested program.

COMPARABLE DISQUALIFICATION (20)

Alaska
 Florida
 Georgia
 Guam
 Hawaii
 Idaho

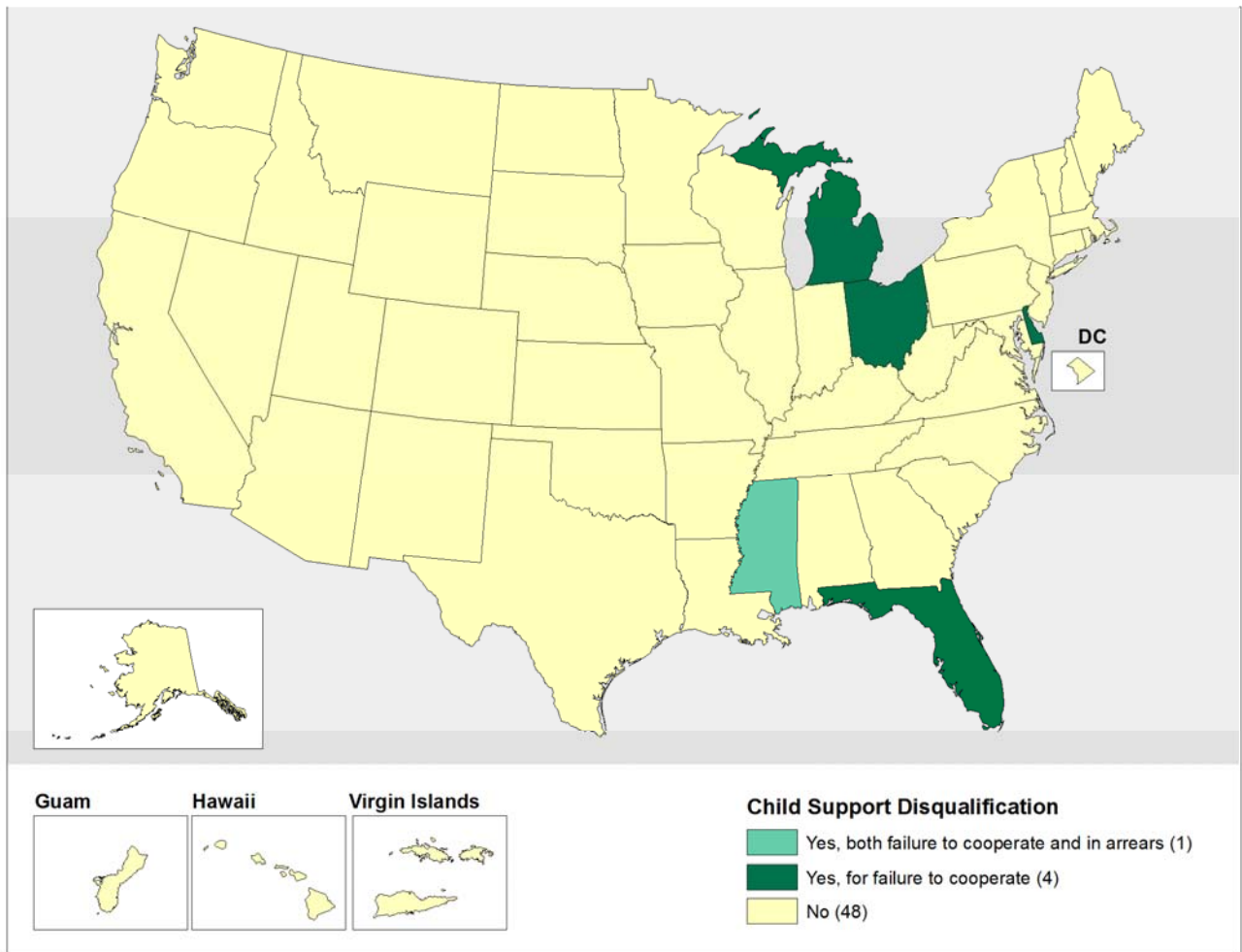
Kansas
 Kentucky
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 Nebraska
 New Jersey
 New Mexico

New York
 Ohio
 Oregon
 South Carolina
 Tennessee
 Washington
 Wyoming



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 (5)	ARREARAGE (1)
Delaware	Mississippi
Florida	
Michigan	
Mississippi	
Ohio	



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. For more information about the drug felon eligibility in States that have passed legislation to modify the ban, see the State Profiles section of this report.

LIFETIME BAN (13)

- Alabama
- Alaska
- Arizona
- Arkansas
- Georgia
- Guam
- Mississippi
- Missouri
- North Dakota
- South Carolina
- Texas

- Virgin Islands
- West Virginia

MODIFIED BAN (19)

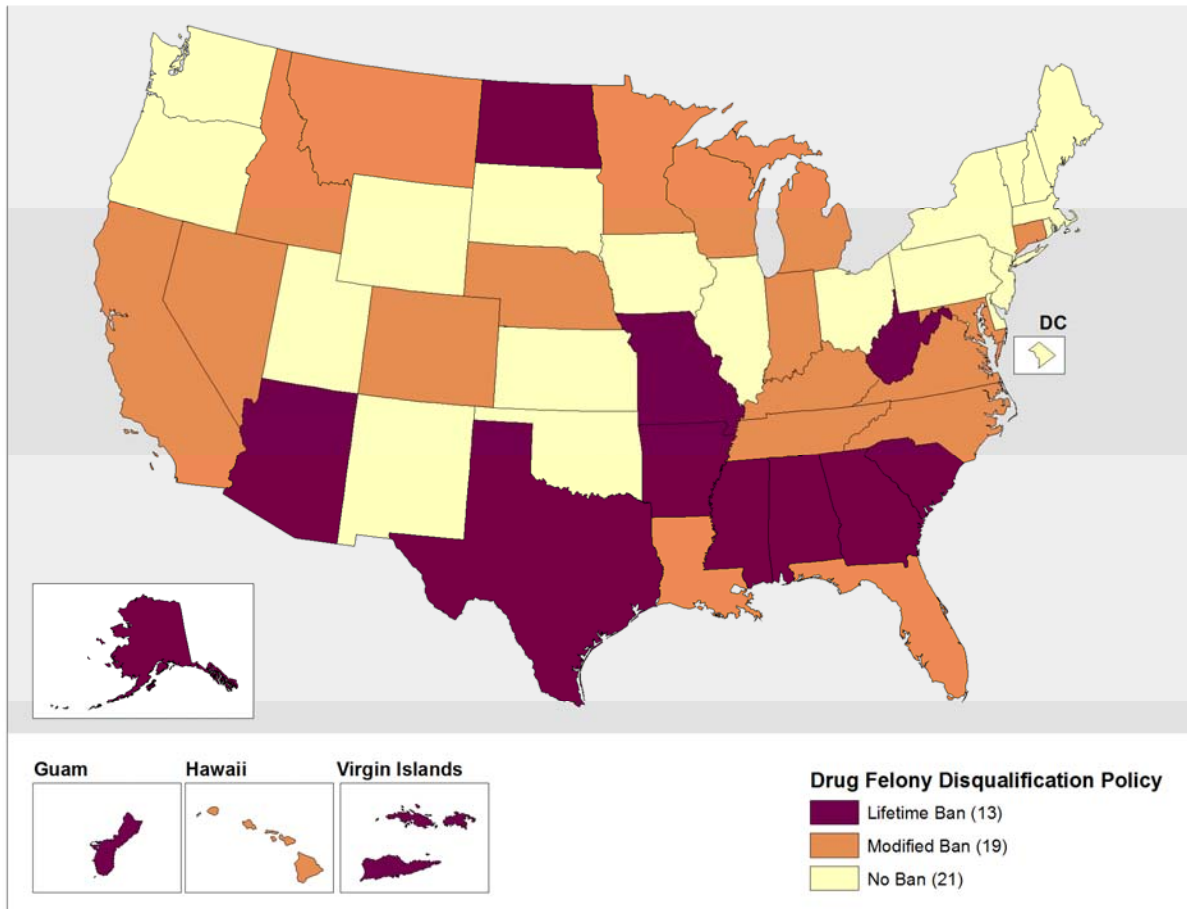
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- Hawaii
- Idaho
- Indiana
- Kentucky

- Louisiana
- Maryland
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Montana
- Nebraska
- Nevada
- North Carolina
- Tennessee
- Virginia
- Wisconsin

NO BAN (21)

- Delaware
- DC
- Illinois
- Iowa
- Kansas
- Maine
- Massachusetts
- New Hampshire
- New Jersey
- New Mexico
- New York

- Ohio
- Oklahoma
- Oregon
- Pennsylvania
- Rhode Island
- South Dakota
- Utah
- Vermont
- Washington
- Wyoming



Thirty States provide applicants for SNAP with the opportunity to apply for benefits on-line. This option has been fully implemented statewide in 35 States, and is limited to certain counties or project areas in the remaining three States. Many State websites also allow clients to view information about their case or report changes in factors that affect eligibility or benefit level.

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION STATES (38)

Alabama
 Arizona
 Arkansas
 California*
 Colorado
 Delaware

Florida
 Georgia
 Illinois
 Indiana*
 Iowa
 Kansas
 Louisiana
 Maine
 Maryland
 Michigan

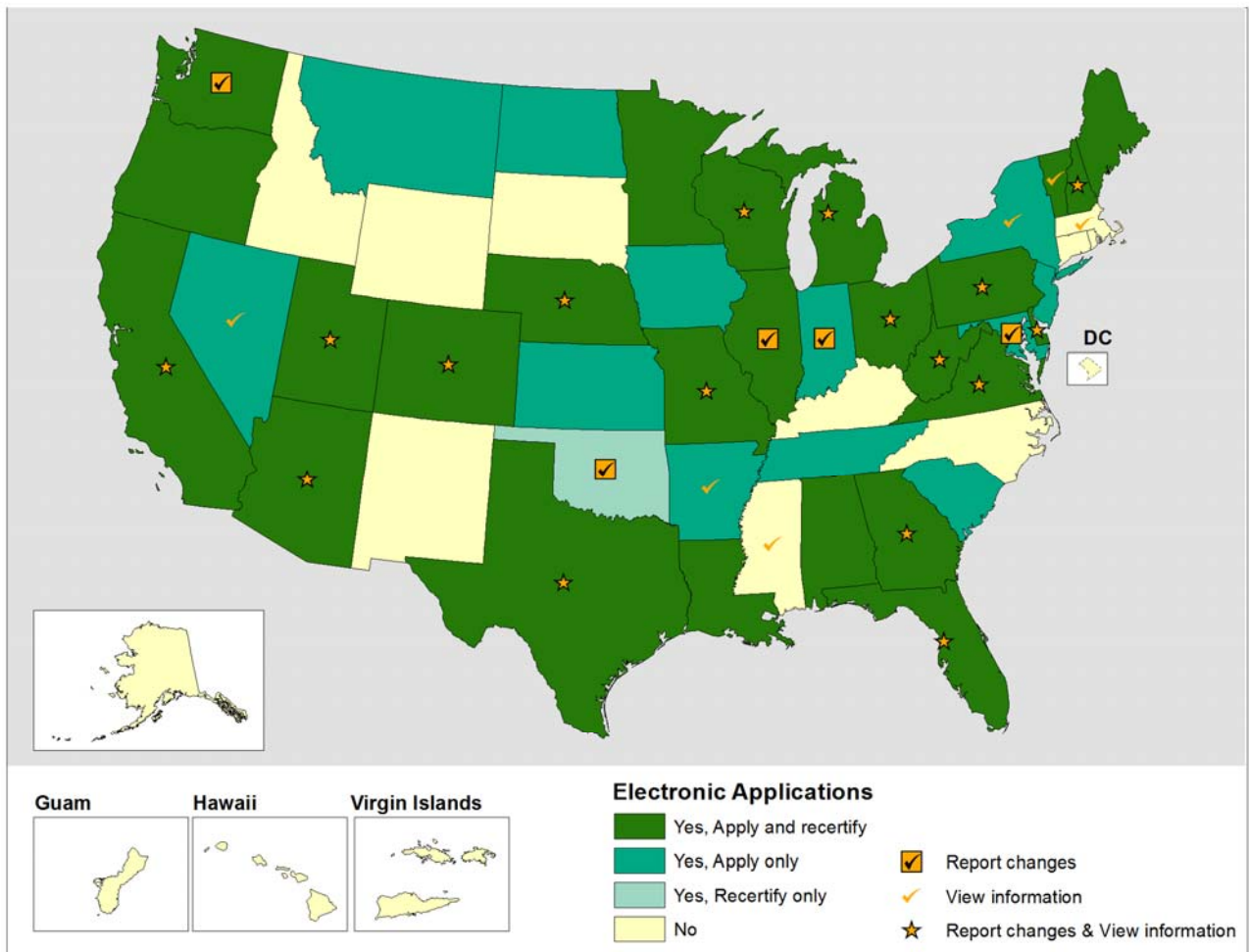
Minnesota
 Missouri
 Montana
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 Nevada
 New Hampshire
 New Jersey
 New York*
 North Dakota
 Ohio

Oklahoma
 Oregon
 Pennsylvania
 South Carolina
 Tennessee
 Texas
 Utah
 Vermont
 Virginia
 Washington

West Virginia
 Wisconsin

ONLINE CASE MANAGEMENT ONLY (2)
 Massachusetts
 Mississippi

** indicates that the electronic application is available in only certain areas within the State.*



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 (31)

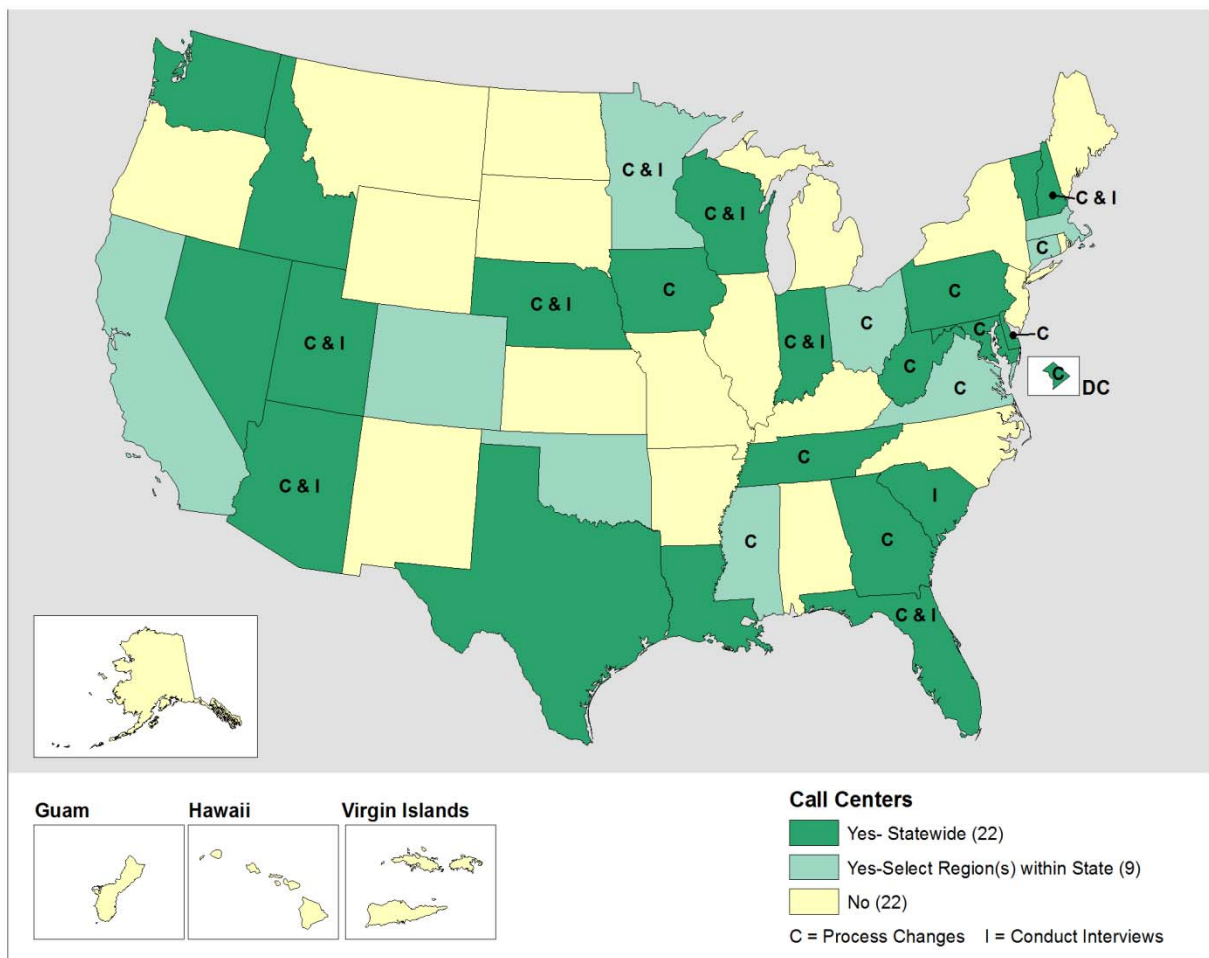
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Washington
West Virginia
Wisconsin

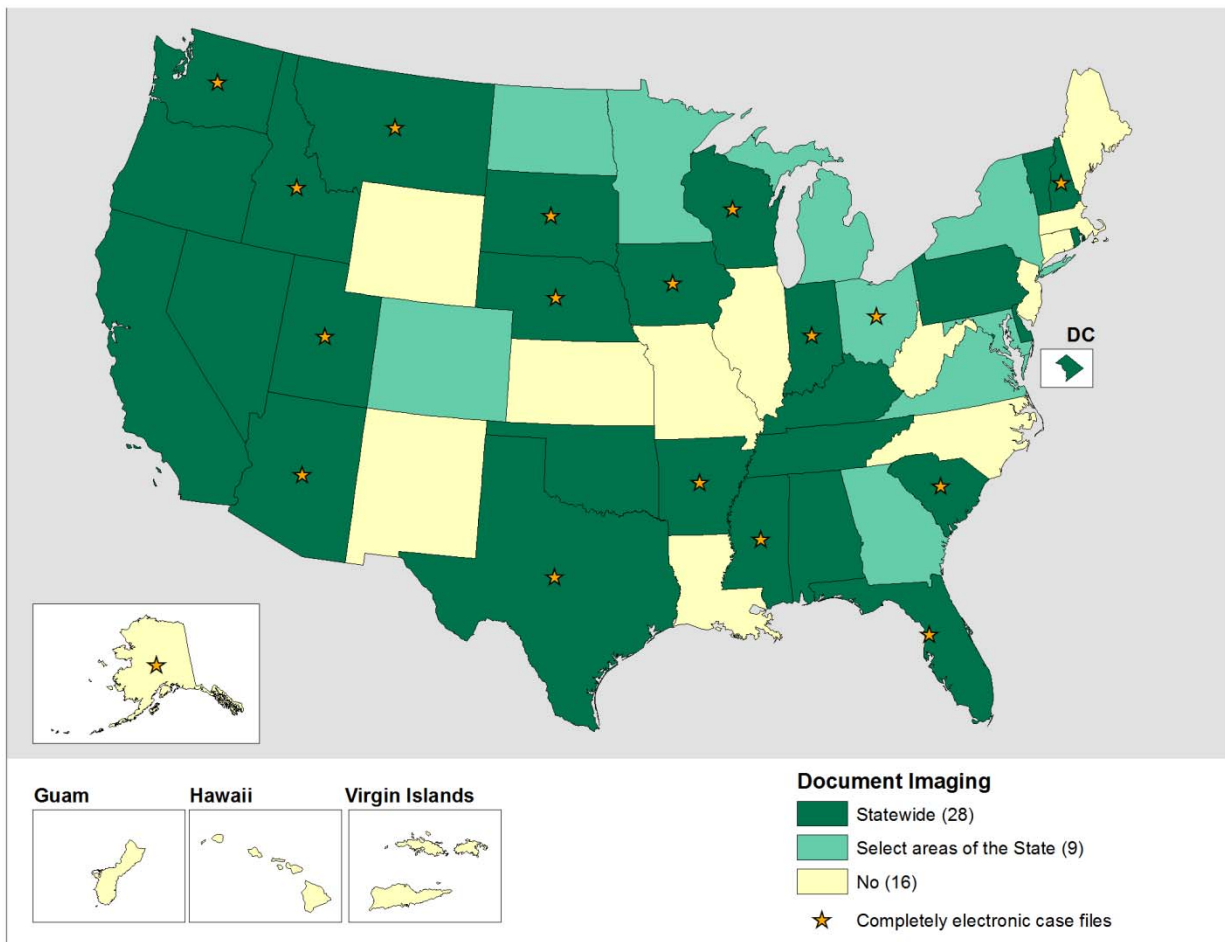


DOCUMENT IMAGING

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 bank statements), or entire case records (including signed applications, monthly report forms, or submitted change report forms).

DOCUMENT IMAGING (37)

Alabama	Delaware	Maryland	New York	South Dakota
Arizona	DC	Michigan	North Dakota	Tennessee
Arkansas	Florida	Minnesota	Ohio	Texas
California	Georgia	Mississippi	Oklahoma	Utah
Colorado	Idaho	Montana	Oregon	Vermont
	Indiana	Nebraska	Pennsylvania	Virginia
	Iowa	Nevada	Rhode Island	Washington
	Kentucky	New Hampshire	South Carolina	Wisconsin



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, five 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 (40)

Alaska
Arizona
Arkansas
California
Colorado
Connecticut
Delaware
DC

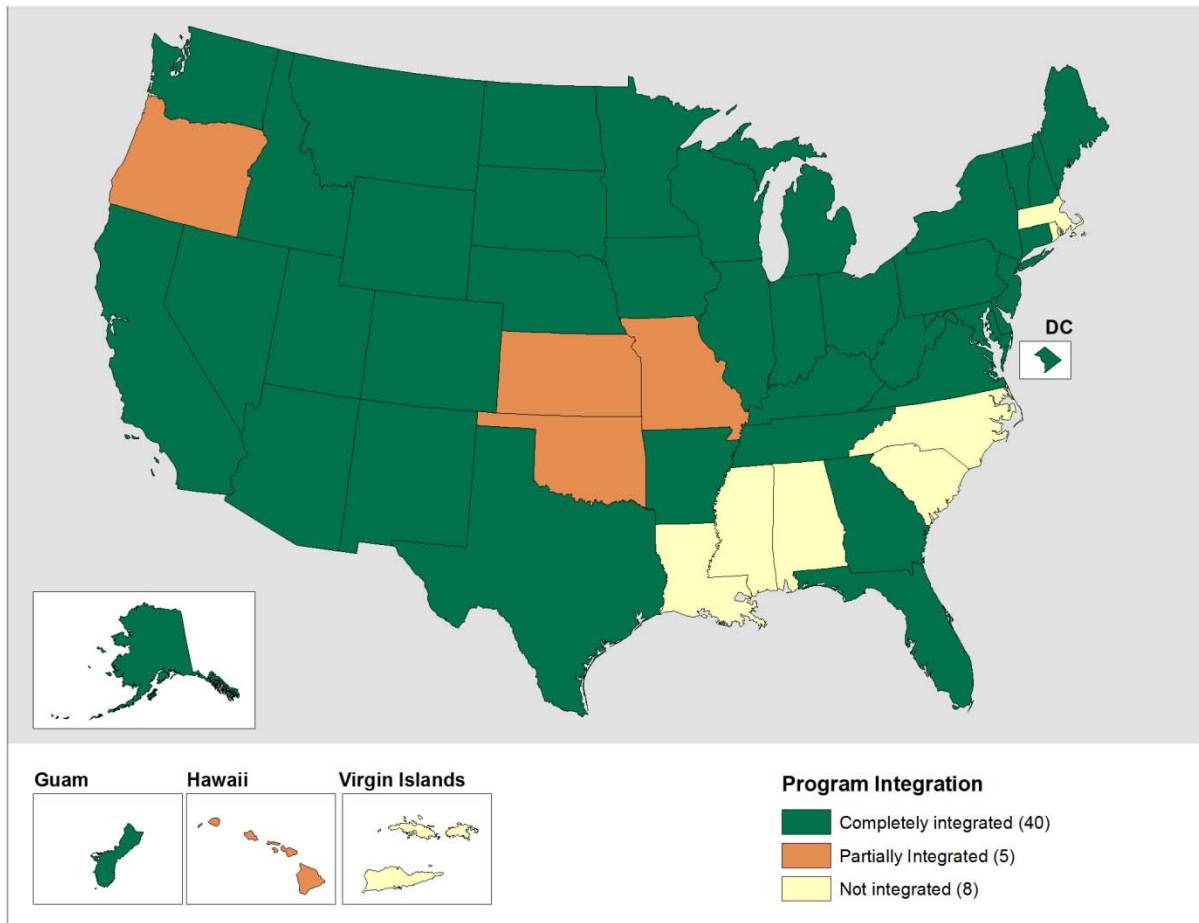
Florida
Georgia
Guam
Idaho
Illinois
Indiana
Iowa
Kentucky
Maine
Maryland
Michigan

Minnesota
Montana
Nebraska
Nevada
New Hampshire
New Jersey
New Mexico
New York
North Dakota
Ohio
Pennsylvania

South Dakota
Tennessee
Texas
Utah
Vermont
Virginia
Washington
West Virginia
Wisconsin
Wyoming

PARTIALLY INTEGRATED (5)

Hawaii
Kansas
Missouri
Oklahoma
Oregon



PROCESS IMPROVEMENT WAIVERS



Due to limited State budgets, combined with economic conditions which have led to increased need, States are seeking innovative policy and technology solutions to increase efficiency. Four such process improvement waivers are highlighted below. The waiver of the interview for the elderly and disabled at recertification allows a State to waive the recertification interview for households in which all adult members are elderly or disabled with no earned income. The expedited service interview postponement waiver allows a State to postpone the interview for an expedited service household for up to two months in certain cases when the identity can be verified. The on-demand interview waiver allows a State to have clients to call-in for an interview during certain hours and within a certain time period, rather than scheduling an appointment for a specific date and time. The electronic notices waiver allows a State to issue electronic notices to clients who elect to receive email communication, rather than receiving paper notifications.

ELDERLY AND DISABLED RECERT WAIVER (4)

Louisiana
Massachusetts
New Mexico
Texas

EXPEDITED SERVICE INTERVIEW POSTPON'T WAIVER (7)

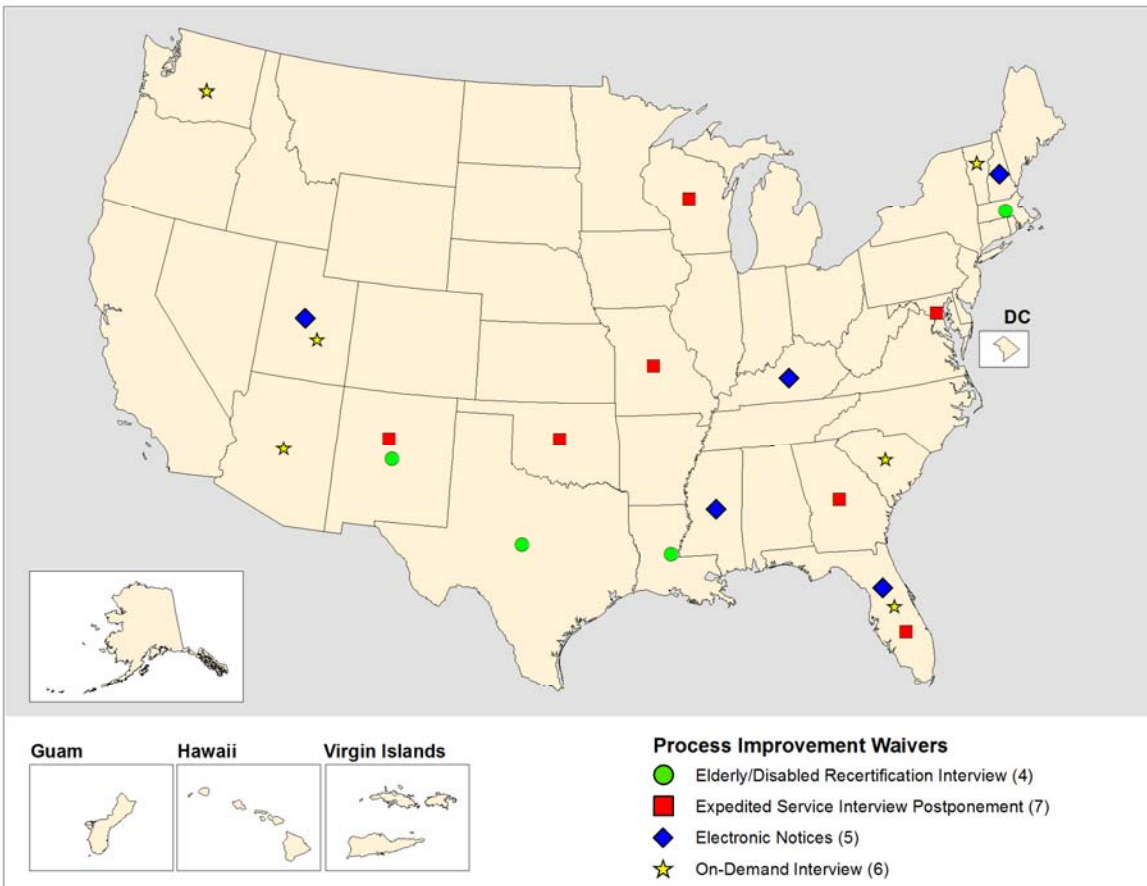
Florida
Georgia
Maryland
Missouri
New Mexico
Oklahoma
Wisconsin

ELECTRONIC NOTICES WAIVER (5)

Florida
Kentucky
Mississippi
New Hampshire
Utah

ON-DEMAND INTERVIEW WAIVER (6)

Arizona
Florida
South Carolina
Utah
Vermont
Washington



COMBINED APPLICATION PROJECTS AND STANDARD MEDICAL DEDUCTION



Combined Application Projects (CAPs) are a partnership between the Social Security Administration (SSA), the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) and State and local agencies to streamline application procedures for individuals receiving disability benefits. The projects strengthen access to nutrition benefits for the elderly and disabled while improving SNAP administration. The combination of standardized benefits, reduced recertification requirements and eliminating the need for SSI recipients to visit the local SNAP office has significantly increased participation among the elderly and disabled.

SNAP households with individuals who are disabled or over 60 years in age are entitled to deduct allowable, out-of-pocket medical expenses for that household member that are in excess of \$35/month. State agencies may request a demonstration waiver to establish a Standard Medical Deduction in lieu of calculating actual expenses. This streamlines case handling procedures while still requiring qualifying households to verify that their medical expenses exceed \$35/month.

COMBINED APPLICATION PROJECTS (18)

Arizona
Florida
Kentucky
Louisiana
Maryland

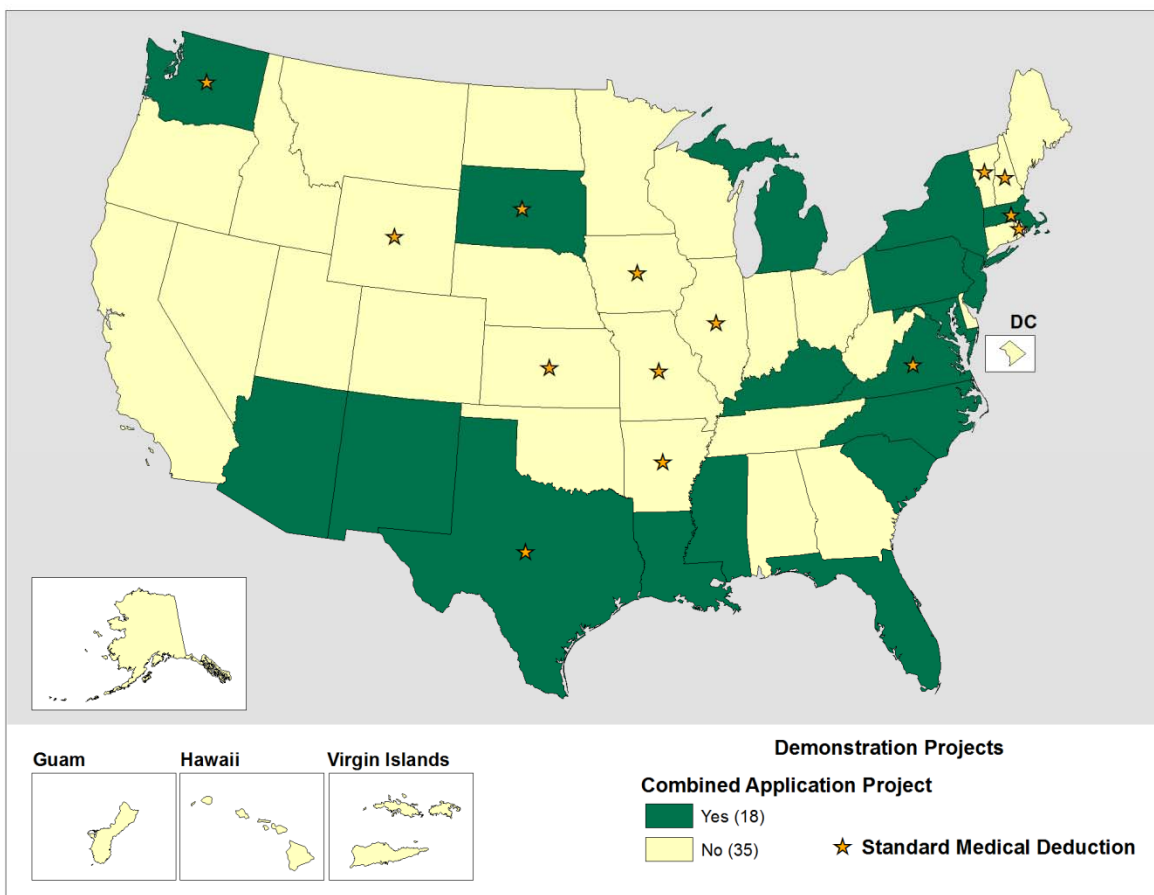
Massachusetts
Michigan
Mississippi
New Jersey
New Mexico
New York
North Carolina
Pennsylvania
South Carolina

South Dakota
Texas
Virginia
Washington

STANDARD MEDICAL DEDUCTION (14)

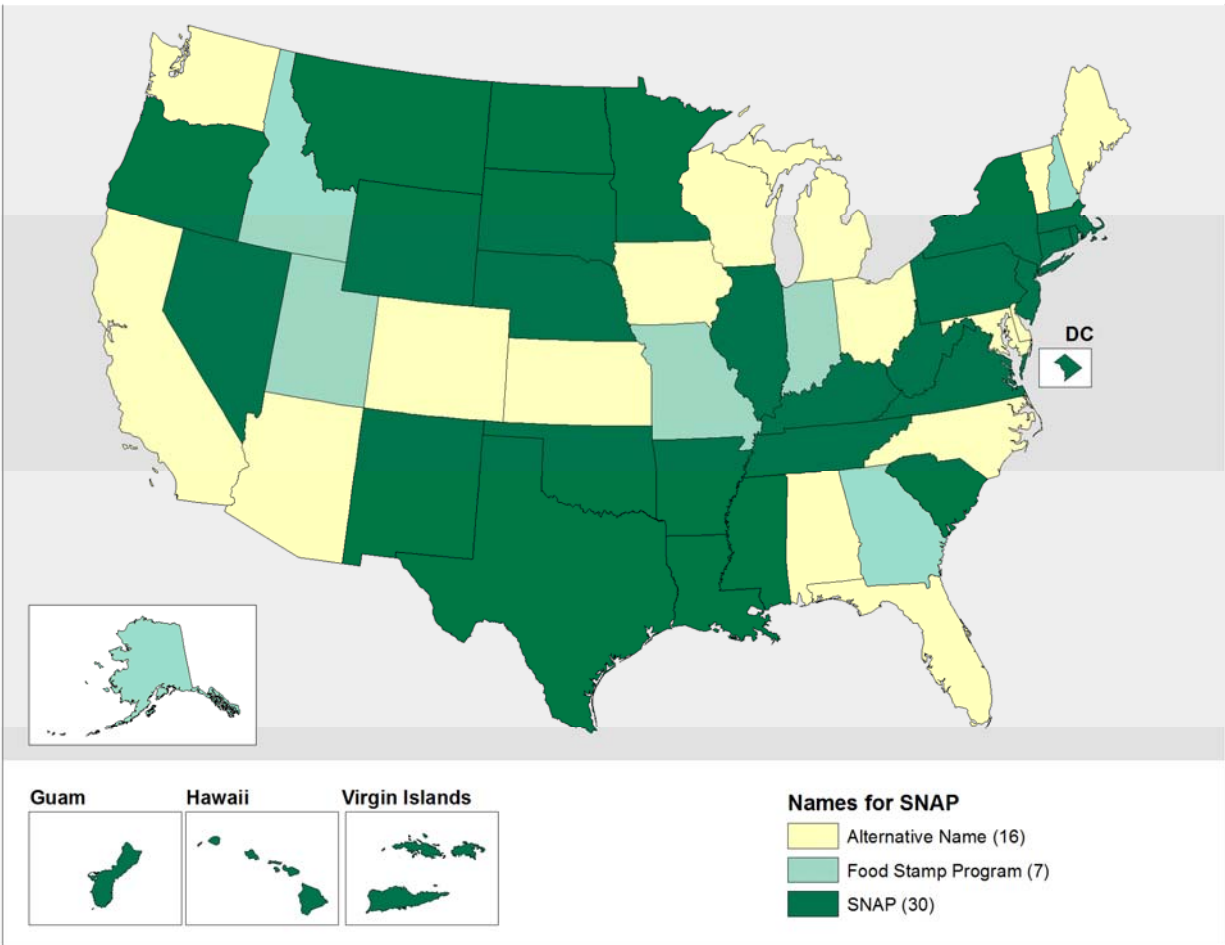
Arkansas
Illinois
Iowa
Kansas
Massachusetts

Missouri
New Hampshire
Rhode Island
South Dakota
Texas
Vermont
Virginia
Washington
Wyoming



As of Oct. 1, 2008, SNAP is the 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. The name change was mandated by the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008. At the State level, State agencies may adopt the new program name, continue to refer to their program as the Food Stamp Program or choose an alternate name. For more information on States that have chosen alternate names, see the State Profiles section of this report.

SNAP (30)	Montana	Tennessee	FSP (7)	Colorado
Arkansas	Nebraska	Texas	Alaska	Delaware
Connecticut	Nevada	Virgin Islands	Georgia	Florida
DC	New Jersey	Virginia	Idaho	Iowa
Guam	New Mexico	West Virginia	Indiana	Kansas
Hawaii	New York	Wyoming	Missouri	Maine
Illinois	North Dakota		New Hampshire	Maryland
Kentucky	Oklahoma		Utah	Michigan
Louisiana	Oregon			North Carolina
Massachusetts	Pennsylvania		OTHER (16)	Ohio
Minnesota	Rhode Island		Alabama	Vermont
Mississippi	South Carolina		Arizona	Washington
	South Dakota		California	Wisconsin



Alabama Food Assistance

Option	Choice
Simplified Reporting	Simplified Reporting - 12 Month Certification Period
Acting on All Changes	Act only on certain changes
Monthly/Change/Quarterly Reporting	None
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income and Resources	Both Income and Resources
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Housing and Child Care
Verification of Household Characteristics	Verifies only when questionable
Vehicle Rules	All vehicles are excluded
Broad Based Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Simplified mandatory SUA
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No, child support expenses are an income deduction
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	Yes -Flat Percentage 40%
Ineligible Non-Citizen Income/Deductions	Prorated for both groups
Average Student Work Hours	Yes
Work Requirements and Employment & Training	Regulatory minimum
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Lifetime Ban
Online Applications/Case Management	Apply and recertify/No
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	Statewide
Program Integration	Completely integrated
Elderly/Disabled Recert Interview Waiver	No
Expedited Service Interview Waiver	No
On-Demand Interview Waiver	No
Electronic Notices Waiver	No
Combined Application Project	No
Standard Medical Deduction	No

Alaska Food Stamp Program

Option	Choice
Simplified Reporting	Simplified Reporting - 6 Month Certification Period
Acting on All Changes	Act on all changes
Monthly/Change/Quarterly Reporting	Change Reporting Only
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income and Resources	Resources Only
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Childcare
Verification of Household Characteristics	Verifies only when questionable
Vehicle Rules	At least one vehicle is excluded
Broad Based Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Simplified mandatory SUA
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No, child support expenses are an income deduction
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	Yes -Flat Percentage 50%
Ineligible Non-Citizen Income/Deductions	Prorated for both groups
Average Student Work Hours	Yes
Work Requirements and Employment & Training	Voluntary program
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Lifetime Ban
Online Applications/Case Management	No/No
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	No
Program Integration	Completely integrated
Elderly/Disabled Recert Interview Waiver	No
Expedited Service Interview Waiver	No
On-Demand Interview Waiver	No
Electronic Notices Waiver	No
Combined Application Project	No
Standard Medical Deduction	No

Arizona Nutrition Assistance

Option	Choice
Simplified Reporting	Simplified Reporting - 6 Month Certification Period
Acting on All Changes	Act on all changes
Monthly/Change/Quarterly Reporting	Change Reporting Only
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income and Resources	Both Income and Resources
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Housing
Verification of Household Characteristics	Verifies only when questionable
Vehicle Rules	All vehicles are excluded
Broad Based Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Simplified mandatory SUA
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	Yes, child support expenses are excluded
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
Ineligible Non-Citizen Income/Deductions	All/Prorate
Average Student Work Hours	Yes
Work Requirements and Employment & Training	Regulatory minimum
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Lifetime Ban
Online Applications/Case Management	Apply and recertify/View and report
Call Centers	Yes- Statewide
Document Imaging	Statewide
Program Integration	Not integrated
Elderly/Disabled Recert Interview Waiver	No
Expedited Service Interview Waiver	No
On-Demand Interview Waiver	Yes
Electronic Notices Waiver	No
Combined Application Project	Yes
Standard Medical Deduction	No

Arkansas Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Option	Choice
Simplified Reporting	Simplified Reporting - 12 Months / 24 Months
Acting on All Changes	Act on all changes
Monthly/Change/Quarterly Reporting	Change Reporting Only
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income and Resources	Neither
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Childcare
Verification of Household Characteristics	Verifies only when questionable
Vehicle Rules	At least one vehicle is excluded
Broad Based Categorical Eligibility	No BBCE
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	SUA that is not mandatory
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No, child support expenses are an income deduction
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
Ineligible Non-Citizen Income/Deductions	Prorated for both groups
Average Student Work Hours	Yes
Work Requirements and Employment & Training	Voluntary program
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Lifetime Ban
Online Applications/Case Management	Apply/View info
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	Statewide
Program Integration	Not integrated
Elderly/Disabled Recert Interview Waiver	No
Expedited Service Interview Waiver	No
On-Demand Interview Waiver	No
Electronic Notices Waiver	No
Combined Application Project	No
Standard Medical Deduction	Yes

California CalFresh

Option	Choice
Simplified Reporting	No Simplified Reporting - No Simplified Reporting
Acting on All Changes	No Simplified Reporting
Monthly/Change/Quarterly Reporting	Quarterly Reporting and Change Reporting
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income and Resources	Both Income and Resources
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Verifies only when questionable
Verification of Household Characteristics	Verifies only when questionable
Vehicle Rules	Not applicable
Broad Based Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Simplified mandatory SUA
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	Yes, child support expenses are excluded
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	Yes -Flat Percentage 40%
Ineligible Non-Citizen Income/Deductions	Prorate/None
Average Student Work Hours	Yes
Work Requirements and Employment & Training	Voluntary program
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban - No lifetime ban for possession for personal use convictions.
Online Applications/Case Management	Apply and recertify/View and report
Call Centers	Yes-Select Region(s) within State
Document Imaging	Statewide
Program Integration	Not integrated
Elderly/Disabled Recert Interview Waiver	No
Expedited Service Interview Waiver	No
On-Demand Interview Waiver	No
Electronic Notices Waiver	No
Combined Application Project	No
Standard Medical Deduction	No

Colorado Food Assistance

Option	Choice
Simplified Reporting	Simplified Reporting - 6 Months / 24 Months
Acting on All Changes	Act only on certain changes
Monthly/Change/Quarterly Reporting	Change Reporting Only
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income and Resources	Neither
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Housing and Child Care
Verification of Household Characteristics	Identity
Vehicle Rules	Not applicable
Broad Based Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Simplified mandatory SUA
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	Yes, child support expenses are excluded
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
Ineligible Non-Citizen Income/Deductions	Prorated for both groups
Average Student Work Hours	No
Work Requirements and Employment & Training	Regulatory minimum
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban - Lifetime ban if SNAP benefits involved in committing a drug felony.
Online Applications/Case Management	Apply and recertify/View and report
Call Centers	Yes-Select Region(s) within State
Document Imaging	Select areas of the State
Program Integration	Completely integrated
Elderly/Disabled Recert Interview Waiver	No
Expedited Service Interview Waiver	No
On-Demand Interview Waiver	No
Electronic Notices Waiver	No
Combined Application Project	No
Standard Medical Deduction	No

Connecticut Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program

Option	Choice
Simplified Reporting	Simplified Reporting - 6 Month Certification Period
Acting on All Changes	Act on all changes
Monthly/Change/Quarterly Reporting	Change Reporting Only
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income and Resources	Neither
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Verifies only when questionable
Verification of Household Characteristics	Household Composition & Identity
Vehicle Rules	All vehicles are excluded
Broad Based Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Simplified mandatory SUA
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	Yes, child support expenses are excluded
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
Ineligible Non-Citizen Income/Deductions	All/Prorate
Average Student Work Hours	Yes
Work Requirements and Employment & Training	Voluntary program
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban - No details available.
Online Applications/Case Management	No/No
Call Centers	Yes-Select Region(s) within State
Document Imaging	No
Program Integration	Partially Integrated
Elderly/Disabled Recert Interview Waiver	No
Expedited Service Interview Waiver	No
On-Demand Interview Waiver	No
Electronic Notices Waiver	No
Combined Application Project	No
Standard Medical Deduction	No

Delaware Food Supplement Program

Option	Choice
Simplified Reporting	Simplified Reporting - 12 Months / 24 Months
Acting on All Changes	Act on all changes
Monthly/Change/Quarterly Reporting	None
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income and Resources	Income Only
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Verifies only when questionable
Verification of Household Characteristics	Verifies only when questionable
Vehicle Rules	Not applicable
Broad Based Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Simplified mandatory SUA
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	Yes, child support expenses are excluded
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	Yes -Flat Percentage 51%
Ineligible Non-Citizen Income/Deductions	Prorated for both groups
Average Student Work Hours	Yes
Work Requirements and Employment & Training	Voluntary program
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	Yes, for failure to cooperate
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Online Applications/Case Management	Apply and recertify/View and report
Call Centers	Yes- Statewide
Document Imaging	Statewide
Program Integration	Completely integrated
Elderly/Disabled Recert Interview Waiver	No
Expedited Service Interview Waiver	No
On-Demand Interview Waiver	No
Electronic Notices Waiver	No
Combined Application Project	No
Standard Medical Deduction	No

District of Columbia Food Stamps	
Option	Choice
Simplified Reporting	Simplified Reporting - 12 Month Certification Period
Acting on All Changes	Act on all changes
Monthly/Change/Quarterly Reporting	None
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income and Resources	Both Income and Resources
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Housing and Child Care
Verification of Household Characteristics	Verifies only when questionable
Vehicle Rules	Not applicable
Broad Based Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Simplified mandatory SUA
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No, child support expenses are an income deduction
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
Ineligible Non-Citizen Income/Deductions	Prorated for both groups
Average Student Work Hours	No
Work Requirements and Employment & Training	Extended periods
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Online Applications/Case Management	No/No
Call Centers	Yes- Statewide
Document Imaging	Statewide
Program Integration	Completely integrated
Elderly/Disabled Recert Interview Waiver	No
Expedited Service Interview Waiver	No
On-Demand Interview Waiver	No
Electronic Notices Waiver	No
Combined Application Project	No
Standard Medical Deduction	No

Florida Food Assistance Program	
Option	Choice
Simplified Reporting	Simplified Reporting - 6 Months /12 Months / 24 Months
Acting on All Changes	Act only on certain changes
Monthly/Change/Quarterly Reporting	None
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income and Resources	Both Income and Resources
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Childcare
Verification of Household Characteristics	Verifies only when questionable
Vehicle Rules	All vehicles are excluded
Broad Based Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Simplified mandatory SUA
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No, child support expenses are an income deduction
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
Ineligible Non-Citizen Income/Deductions	Prorated for both groups
Average Student Work Hours	Yes
Work Requirements and Employment & Training	Voluntary program
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	Yes, for failure to cooperate
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban - Lifetime ban only for drug trafficking.
Online Applications/Case Management	Apply and recertify/View and report
Call Centers	Yes- Statewide
Document Imaging	Statewide
Program Integration	Completely integrated
Elderly/Disabled Recert Interview Waiver	No
Expedited Service Interview Waiver	Yes
On-Demand Interview Waiver	Yes
Electronic Notices Waiver	Yes
Combined Application Project	Yes
Standard Medical Deduction	No

Georgia Food Stamp Program

Option	Choice
Simplified Reporting	Simplified Reporting - 6 Months / 12 Months
Acting on All Changes	Act only on certain changes
Monthly/Change/Quarterly Reporting	None
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income and Resources	Neither
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Verifies only when questionable
Verification of Household Characteristics	Verifies only when questionable
Vehicle Rules	Not applicable
Broad Based Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Simplified mandatory SUA
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No, child support expenses are an income deduction
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	Yes -Flat Percentage 40%
Ineligible Non-Citizen Income/Deductions	Prorated for both groups
Average Student Work Hours	Yes
Work Requirements and Employment & Training	Voluntary program
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Lifetime Ban
Online Applications/Case Management	Apply and recertify/View and report
Call Centers	Yes- Statewide
Document Imaging	Select areas of the State
Program Integration	Completely integrated
Elderly/Disabled Recert Interview Waiver	No
Expedited Service Interview Waiver	Yes
On-Demand Interview Waiver	No
Electronic Notices Waiver	No
Combined Application Project	No
Standard Medical Deduction	No

Guam Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Option	Choice
Simplified Reporting	Simplified Reporting - 12 Month Certification Period
Acting on All Changes	Act on all changes
Monthly/Change/Quarterly Reporting	Change Reporting Only
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income and Resources	Neither
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Housing and Child Care
Verification of Household Characteristics	Household Composition & Identity
Vehicle Rules	Not applicable
Broad Based Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Simplified mandatory SUA
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No, child support expenses are an income deduction
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
Ineligible Non-Citizen Income/Deductions	All/Prorate
Average Student Work Hours	Yes
Work Requirements and Employment & Training	Voluntary program
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Lifetime Ban
Online Applications/Case Management	No/No
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	No
Program Integration	Completely integrated
Elderly/Disabled Recert Interview Waiver	No
Expedited Service Interview Waiver	No
On-Demand Interview Waiver	No
Electronic Notices Waiver	No
Combined Application Project	No
Standard Medical Deduction	No

Hawaii Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Option	Choice
Simplified Reporting	Simplified Reporting - 6 Month Certification Period
Acting on All Changes	Act only on certain changes
Monthly/Change/Quarterly Reporting	Change Reporting Only
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income and Resources	Neither
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Childcare
Verification of Household Characteristics	Verifies only when questionable
Vehicle Rules	All vehicles are excluded
Broad Based Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	SUA that is not mandatory
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No, child support expenses are an income deduction
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
Ineligible Non-Citizen Income/Deductions	Prorated for both groups
Average Student Work Hours	No
Work Requirements and Employment & Training	Regulatory minimum
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban - Regain eligibility if completed or complying with drug treatment.
Online Applications/Case Management	No/No
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	No
Program Integration	Completely integrated
Elderly/Disabled Recert Interview Waiver	No
Expedited Service Interview Waiver	No
On-Demand Interview Waiver	No
Electronic Notices Waiver	No
Combined Application Project	No
Standard Medical Deduction	No

Idaho Food Stamps

Option	Choice
Simplified Reporting	Simplified Reporting - 6 Months / 24 Months
Acting on All Changes	Act only on certain changes
Monthly/Change/Quarterly Reporting	None
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income and Resources	Both Income and Resources
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Childcare
Verification of Household Characteristics	Identity
Vehicle Rules	At least one vehicle is excluded
Broad Based Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Simplified mandatory SUA
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No, child support expenses are an income deduction
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	Yes -Flat Percentage 50%
Ineligible Non-Citizen Income/Deductions	Prorated for both groups
Average Student Work Hours	Yes
Work Requirements and Employment & Training	Regulatory minimum
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban - Regain eligibility if complying with conditions of probation or parole.
Online Applications/Case Management	No/No
Call Centers	Yes- Statewide
Document Imaging	Statewide
Program Integration	Partially Integrated
Elderly/Disabled Recert Interview Waiver	No
Expedited Service Interview Waiver	No
On-Demand Interview Waiver	No
Electronic Notices Waiver	No
Combined Application Project	No
Standard Medical Deduction	No

Illinois Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Option	Choice
Simplified Reporting	Simplified Reporting - 6 Month Certification Period
Acting on All Changes	Act on all changes
Monthly/Change/Quarterly Reporting	Change Reporting Only
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income and Resources	Both Income and Resources
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Verifies only when questionable
Verification of Household Characteristics	Verifies only when questionable
Vehicle Rules	At least one vehicle is excluded
Broad Based Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Simplified mandatory SUA
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	Yes, child support expenses are excluded
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
Ineligible Non-Citizen Income/Deductions	Prorated for both groups
Average Student Work Hours	Yes
Work Requirements and Employment & Training	Extended periods
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Online Applications/Case Management	Apply and recertify/Report changes
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	No
Program Integration	Completely integrated
Elderly/Disabled Recert Interview Waiver	No
Expedited Service Interview Waiver	No
On-Demand Interview Waiver	No
Electronic Notices Waiver	No
Combined Application Project	No
Standard Medical Deduction	Yes

Indiana Food Stamps

Option	Choice
Simplified Reporting	Simplified Reporting - 12 Month Certification Period
Acting on All Changes	Act on all changes
Monthly/Change/Quarterly Reporting	None
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income and Resources	Both Income and Resources
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Housing and Child Care
Verification of Household Characteristics	Household Composition & Identity
Vehicle Rules	At least one vehicle is excluded
Broad Based Categorical Eligibility	No BBCE
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Simplified mandatory SUA
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No, child support expenses are an income deduction
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
Ineligible Non-Citizen Income/Deductions	Prorated for both groups
Average Student Work Hours	Yes
Work Requirements and Employment & Training	Voluntary program
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban - Individuals in approved correction programs eligible for benefits for up to 1 year.
Online Applications/Case Management	Apply/Report changes
Call Centers	Yes- Statewide
Document Imaging	Statewide
Program Integration	Completely integrated
Elderly/Disabled Recert Interview Waiver	No
Expedited Service Interview Waiver	No
On-Demand Interview Waiver	No
Electronic Notices Waiver	No
Combined Application Project	No
Standard Medical Deduction	No

Iowa Food Assistance	
Option	Choice
Simplified Reporting	Simplified Reporting - 6 Months / 12 Months
Acting on All Changes	Act on all changes
Monthly/Change/Quarterly Reporting	None
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income and Resources	Both Income and Resources
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Verifies only when questionable
Verification of Household Characteristics	Verifies only when questionable
Vehicle Rules	At least one vehicle is excluded
Broad Based Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Simplified mandatory SUA
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	Yes, child support expenses are excluded
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	Yes -Flat Percentage 40%
Ineligible Non-Citizen Income/Deductions	Prorated for both groups
Average Student Work Hours	Yes
Work Requirements and Employment & Training	Volunteer/extended
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Online Applications/Case Management	Apply/No
Call Centers	Yes- Statewide
Document Imaging	Statewide
Program Integration	Completely integrated
Elderly/Disabled Recert Interview Waiver	No
Expedited Service Interview Waiver	No
On-Demand Interview Waiver	No
Electronic Notices Waiver	No
Combined Application Project	No
Standard Medical Deduction	Yes

Kansas Food Assistance	
Option	Choice
Simplified Reporting	Simplified Reporting - 12 Months / 24 Months
Acting on All Changes	Act on all changes
Monthly/Change/Quarterly Reporting	None
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income and Resources	Both Income and Resources
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Verifies only when questionable
Verification of Household Characteristics	Verifies only when questionable
Vehicle Rules	All vehicles are excluded
Broad Based Categorical Eligibility	No BBCE
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Simplified mandatory SUA
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No, child support expenses are an income deduction
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	Yes -Flat Percentage 25%
Ineligible Non-Citizen Income/Deductions	All/Prorate
Average Student Work Hours	Yes
Work Requirements and Employment & Training	Voluntary program
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Online Applications/Case Management	Apply/No
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	No
Program Integration	Completely integrated
Elderly/Disabled Recert Interview Waiver	No
Expedited Service Interview Waiver	No
On-Demand Interview Waiver	No
Electronic Notices Waiver	No
Combined Application Project	No
Standard Medical Deduction	Yes

Kentucky Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Option	Choice
Simplified Reporting	Simplified Reporting - 12 Month Certification Period
Acting on All Changes	Act on all changes
Monthly/Change/Quarterly Reporting	None
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income and Resources	Both Income and Resources
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Childcare
Verification of Household Characteristics	Verifies only when questionable
Vehicle Rules	All vehicles are excluded
Broad Based Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Simplified mandatory SUA
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No, child support expenses are an income deduction
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
Ineligible Non-Citizen Income/Deductions	Prorated for both groups
Average Student Work Hours	Yes
Work Requirements and Employment & Training	Volunteer/extended
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban - Regain eligibility if completed or complying with drug treatment.
Online Applications/Case Management	No/No
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	Statewide
Program Integration	Completely integrated
Elderly/Disabled Recert Interview Waiver	No
Expedited Service Interview Waiver	No
On-Demand Interview Waiver	No
Electronic Notices Waiver	Yes
Combined Application Project	Yes
Standard Medical Deduction	No

Louisiana Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Option	Choice
Simplified Reporting	Simplified Reporting - 12 Months / 24 Months
Acting on All Changes	Act only on certain changes
Monthly/Change/Quarterly Reporting	None
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income and Resources	Both Income and Resources
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Verifies only when questionable
Verification of Household Characteristics	Verifies only when questionable
Vehicle Rules	All vehicles are excluded
Broad Based Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Simplified mandatory SUA
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No, child support expenses are an income deduction
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
Ineligible Non-Citizen Income/Deductions	Prorated for both groups
Average Student Work Hours	Yes
Work Requirements and Employment & Training	Extended periods
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban - Ineligible for 1 year.
Online Applications/Case Management	Apply and recertify/No
Call Centers	Yes- Statewide
Document Imaging	No
Program Integration	Partially Integrated
Elderly/Disabled Recert Interview Waiver	Yes
Expedited Service Interview Waiver	No
On-Demand Interview Waiver	No
Electronic Notices Waiver	No
Combined Application Project	Yes
Standard Medical Deduction	No

Maine Food Supplement Program	
Option	Choice
Simplified Reporting	Simplified Reporting - 12 Month Certification Period
Acting on All Changes	Act on all changes
Monthly/Change/Quarterly Reporting	None
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income and Resources	Both Income and Resources
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Childcare
Verification of Household Characteristics	Verifies only when questionable
Vehicle Rules	At least one vehicle is excluded
Broad Based Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Simplified mandatory SUA
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	Yes, child support expenses are excluded
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
Ineligible Non-Citizen Income/Deductions	Prorated for both groups
Average Student Work Hours	No
Work Requirements and Employment & Training	Voluntary program
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Online Applications/Case Management	Apply and recertify/No
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	No
Program Integration	Completely integrated
Elderly/Disabled Recert Interview Waiver	No
Expedited Service Interview Waiver	No
On-Demand Interview Waiver	No
Electronic Notices Waiver	No
Combined Application Project	No
Standard Medical Deduction	No

Maryland Food Supplement Program	
Option	Choice
Simplified Reporting	Simplified Reporting - 6 Months / 24 Months
Acting on All Changes	Act on all changes
Monthly/Change/Quarterly Reporting	None
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income and Resources	Both Income and Resources
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Verifies only when questionable
Verification of Household Characteristics	Verifies only when questionable
Vehicle Rules	All vehicles are excluded
Broad Based Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Simplified mandatory SUA
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No, child support expenses are an income deduction
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	Yes -Flat Percentage 30% cost to produce and a 20% earned income deduction
Ineligible Non-Citizen Income/Deductions	Prorated for both groups
Average Student Work Hours	No
Work Requirements and Employment & Training	Regulatory minimum
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban - Drug testing required. Custodial parents convicted of manufacturing or selling drugs ineligible for one year.
Online Applications/Case Management	Apply/Report changes
Call Centers	Yes- Statewide
Document Imaging	Select areas of the State
Program Integration	Completely integrated
Elderly/Disabled Recert Interview Waiver	No
Expedited Service Interview Waiver	Yes
On-Demand Interview Waiver	No
Electronic Notices Waiver	No
Combined Application Project	Yes
Standard Medical Deduction	No

Massachusetts Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Option	Choice
Simplified Reporting	Simplified Reporting - 12 Month Certification Period
Acting on All Changes	Act only on certain changes
Monthly/Change/Quarterly Reporting	Monthly Reporting & Change Reporting
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income and Resources	Both Income and Resources
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Verifies only when questionable
Verification of Household Characteristics	Identity
Vehicle Rules	Not applicable
Broad Based Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Simplified mandatory SUA
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	Yes, child support expenses are excluded
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
Ineligible Non-Citizen Income/Deductions	Prorated for both groups
Average Student Work Hours	Yes
Work Requirements and Employment & Training	Voluntary program
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Online Applications/Case Management	No/View info
Call Centers	Yes-Select Region(s) within State
Document Imaging	No
Program Integration	Completely integrated
Elderly/Disabled Recert Interview Waiver	Yes
Expedited Service Interview Waiver	No
On-Demand Interview Waiver	No
Electronic Notices Waiver	No
Combined Application Project	Yes
Standard Medical Deduction	Yes

Michigan Food Assistance Program

Option	Choice
Simplified Reporting	Simplified Reporting - 12 Month Certification Period
Acting on All Changes	Act only on certain changes
Monthly/Change/Quarterly Reporting	Change Reporting Only
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income and Resources	Neither
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Housing and Child Care
Verification of Household Characteristics	Verifies only when questionable
Vehicle Rules	At least one vehicle is excluded
Broad Based Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Simplified mandatory SUA
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No, child support expenses are an income deduction
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	Yes -Flat Percentage 25%, 60% or 65%
Ineligible Non-Citizen Income/Deductions	Prorated for both groups
Average Student Work Hours	No
Work Requirements and Employment & Training	Voluntary program
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	Yes, for failure to cooperate
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban - Lifetime ban after second conviction.
Online Applications/Case Management	Apply and recertify/View and report
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	Select areas of the State
Program Integration	Completely integrated
Elderly/Disabled Recert Interview Waiver	No
Expedited Service Interview Waiver	No
On-Demand Interview Waiver	No
Electronic Notices Waiver	No
Combined Application Project	Yes
Standard Medical Deduction	No

Minnesota Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Option	Choice
Simplified Reporting	Simplified Reporting - 12 Month Certification Period
Acting on All Changes	Act on all changes
Monthly/Change/Quarterly Reporting	Monthly Reporting & Change Reporting
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income and Resources	Neither
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Housing
Verification of Household Characteristics	Household Composition
Vehicle Rules	Not applicable
Broad Based Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Simplified mandatory SUA
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No, child support expenses are an income deduction
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
Ineligible Non-Citizen Income/Deductions	Prorated for both groups
Average Student Work Hours	No
Work Requirements and Employment & Training	Voluntary program
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban - Drug testing required. Lifetime ban if drug test failed more than once.
Online Applications/Case Management	Apply and recertify/No
Call Centers	Yes-Select Region(s) within State
Document Imaging	Select areas of the State
Program Integration	Completely integrated
Elderly/Disabled Recert Interview Waiver	No
Expedited Service Interview Waiver	No
On-Demand Interview Waiver	No
Electronic Notices Waiver	No
Combined Application Project	No
Standard Medical Deduction	No

Mississippi Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Option	Choice
Simplified Reporting	Simplified Reporting - 12 Months / 24 Months
Acting on All Changes	Act on all changes
Monthly/Change/Quarterly Reporting	None
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income and Resources	Both Income and Resources
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Verifies only when questionable
Verification of Household Characteristics	Verifies only when questionable
Vehicle Rules	Not applicable
Broad Based Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Simplified mandatory SUA
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No, child support expenses are an income deduction
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
Ineligible Non-Citizen Income/Deductions	Prorated for both groups
Average Student Work Hours	Yes
Work Requirements and Employment & Training	Volunteer/extended
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	Yes, both failure to cooperate and in arrears
Drug Felony Disqualification	Lifetime Ban
Online Applications/Case Management	No/View info
Call Centers	Yes-Select Region(s) within State
Document Imaging	Statewide
Program Integration	Completely integrated
Elderly/Disabled Recert Interview Waiver	No
Expedited Service Interview Waiver	No
On-Demand Interview Waiver	No
Electronic Notices Waiver	Yes
Combined Application Project	Yes
Standard Medical Deduction	No

Missouri Food Stamps

Option	Choice
Simplified Reporting	Simplified Reporting - 12 Months / 24 Months
Acting on All Changes	Act only on certain changes
Monthly/Change/Quarterly Reporting	None
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income and Resources	Both Income and Resources
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Verifies only when questionable
Verification of Household Characteristics	Verifies only when questionable
Vehicle Rules	All vehicles are excluded
Broad Based Categorical Eligibility	No BBCE
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Simplified mandatory SUA
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	Yes, child support expenses are excluded
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
Ineligible Non-Citizen Income/Deductions	Prorated for both groups
Average Student Work Hours	Yes
Work Requirements and Employment & Training	Regulatory minimum
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Lifetime Ban
Online Applications/Case Management	Apply and recertify/View and report
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	No
Program Integration	Completely integrated
Elderly/Disabled Recert Interview Waiver	No
Expedited Service Interview Waiver	Yes
On-Demand Interview Waiver	No
Electronic Notices Waiver	No
Combined Application Project	No
Standard Medical Deduction	Yes

Montana Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Option	Choice
Simplified Reporting	Simplified Reporting - 12 Month Certification Period
Acting on All Changes	Act on all changes
Monthly/Change/Quarterly Reporting	Change Reporting Only
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income and Resources	Resources Only
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Housing and Child Care
Verification of Household Characteristics	Verifies only when questionable
Vehicle Rules	All vehicles are excluded
Broad Based Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Simplified mandatory SUA
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No, child support expenses are an income deduction
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
Ineligible Non-Citizen Income/Deductions	Prorated for both groups
Average Student Work Hours	Yes
Work Requirements and Employment & Training	Voluntary program
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban - Regain eligibility if complying with conditions of probation or parole.
Online Applications/Case Management	Apply/No
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	Statewide
Program Integration	Not integrated
Elderly/Disabled Recert Interview Waiver	No
Expedited Service Interview Waiver	No
On-Demand Interview Waiver	No
Electronic Notices Waiver	No
Combined Application Project	No
Standard Medical Deduction	No

Nebraska Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Option	Choice
Simplified Reporting	Simplified Reporting - 12 Month Certification Period
Acting on All Changes	Act on all changes
Monthly/Change/Quarterly Reporting	Change Reporting Only
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income and Resources	Both Income and Resources
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Childcare
Verification of Household Characteristics	Household Composition & Identity
Vehicle Rules	At least one vehicle is excluded
Broad Based Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Simplified mandatory SUA
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No, child support expenses are an income deduction
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
Ineligible Non-Citizen Income/Deductions	All/None
Average Student Work Hours	Yes
Work Requirements and Employment & Training	Voluntary program
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban - Lifetime ban upon 3 convictions for possession or use or any conviction or other drug related charge.
Online Applications/Case Management	Apply and recertify/View and report
Call Centers	Yes- Statewide
Document Imaging	Statewide
Program Integration	Partially Integrated
Elderly/Disabled Recert Interview Waiver	No
Expedited Service Interview Waiver	No
On-Demand Interview Waiver	No
Electronic Notices Waiver	No
Combined Application Project	No
Standard Medical Deduction	No

Nevada Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Option	Choice
Simplified Reporting	Simplified Reporting - 6 Month Certification Period
Acting on All Changes	Act on all changes
Monthly/Change/Quarterly Reporting	Change Reporting Only
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income and Resources	Both Income and Resources
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Childcare
Verification of Household Characteristics	Verifies only when questionable
Vehicle Rules	At least one vehicle is excluded
Broad Based Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Simplified mandatory SUA
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No, child support expenses are an income deduction
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
Ineligible Non-Citizen Income/Deductions	Prorated for both groups
Average Student Work Hours	No
Work Requirements and Employment & Training	Regulatory minimum
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban - Regain eligibility if completed or complying with drug treatment, demonstrates good character or is pregnant.
Online Applications/Case Management	Apply/View info
Call Centers	Yes- Statewide
Document Imaging	Statewide
Program Integration	Completely integrated
Elderly/Disabled Recert Interview Waiver	No
Expedited Service Interview Waiver	No
On-Demand Interview Waiver	No
Electronic Notices Waiver	No
Combined Application Project	No
Standard Medical Deduction	No

New Hampshire Food Stamp Program

Option	Choice
Simplified Reporting	Simplified Reporting - 6 Month Certification Period
Acting on All Changes	Act on all changes
Monthly/Change/Quarterly Reporting	Change Reporting Only
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income and Resources	Both Income and Resources
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Housing and Child Care
Verification of Household Characteristics	Household Composition & Identity
Vehicle Rules	At least one vehicle is excluded
Broad Based Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Simplified mandatory SUA
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No, child support expenses are an income deduction
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
Ineligible Non-Citizen Income/Deductions	Prorated for both groups
Average Student Work Hours	Yes
Work Requirements and Employment & Training	Voluntary program
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Online Applications/Case Management	Apply and recertify/View and report
Call Centers	Yes- Statewide
Document Imaging	Statewide
Program Integration	Completely integrated
Elderly/Disabled Recert Interview Waiver	No
Expedited Service Interview Waiver	No
On-Demand Interview Waiver	No
Electronic Notices Waiver	Yes
Combined Application Project	No
Standard Medical Deduction	Yes

New Jersey Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Option	Choice
Simplified Reporting	Simplified Reporting - 12 Months / 24 Months
Acting on All Changes	Act on all changes
Monthly/Change/Quarterly Reporting	Change Reporting Only
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income and Resources	Resources Only
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Housing and Child Care
Verification of Household Characteristics	Verifies only when questionable
Vehicle Rules	All vehicles are excluded
Broad Based Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Simplified mandatory SUA
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No, child support expenses are an income deduction
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
Ineligible Non-Citizen Income/Deductions	Prorated for both groups
Average Student Work Hours	No
Work Requirements and Employment & Training	Regulatory minimum
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Online Applications/Case Management	Apply/No
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	No
Program Integration	Completely integrated
Elderly/Disabled Recert Interview Waiver	No
Expedited Service Interview Waiver	No
On-Demand Interview Waiver	No
Electronic Notices Waiver	No
Combined Application Project	Yes
Standard Medical Deduction	No

New Mexico Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Option	Choice
Simplified Reporting	Simplified Reporting - 12 Months / 24 Months
Acting on All Changes	Act only on certain changes
Monthly/Change/Quarterly Reporting	Change Reporting Only
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income and Resources	Both Income and Resources
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Verifies only when questionable
Verification of Household Characteristics	Verifies only when questionable
Vehicle Rules	All vehicles are excluded
Broad Based Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Simplified mandatory SUA
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	Yes, child support expenses are excluded
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
Ineligible Non-Citizen Income/Deductions	Prorated for both groups
Average Student Work Hours	No
Work Requirements and Employment & Training	Voluntary program
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Online Applications/Case Management	No/No
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	No
Program Integration	Not integrated
Elderly/Disabled Recert Interview Waiver	Yes
Expedited Service Interview Waiver	Yes
On-Demand Interview Waiver	No
Electronic Notices Waiver	No
Combined Application Project	Yes
Standard Medical Deduction	No

New York Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Option	Choice
Simplified Reporting	Simplified Reporting - 6 Months /12 Months / 24 Months
Acting on All Changes	Act only on certain changes
Monthly/Change/Quarterly Reporting	Change Reporting Only
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income and Resources	Resources Only
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Housing and Child Care
Verification of Household Characteristics	Household Composition
Vehicle Rules	Not applicable
Broad Based Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Simplified mandatory SUA
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	Yes, child support expenses are excluded
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
Ineligible Non-Citizen Income/Deductions	Prorated for both groups
Average Student Work Hours	Yes
Work Requirements and Employment & Training	Extended periods
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Online Applications/Case Management	Apply/View info
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	Select areas of the State
Program Integration	Not integrated
Elderly/Disabled Recert Interview Waiver	No
Expedited Service Interview Waiver	No
On-Demand Interview Waiver	No
Electronic Notices Waiver	No
Combined Application Project	Yes
Standard Medical Deduction	No

North Carolina Food and Nutrition Services

Option	Choice
Simplified Reporting	Simplified Reporting - 6 Months / 12 Months
Acting on All Changes	Act only on certain changes
Monthly/Change/Quarterly Reporting	None
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income and Resources	Both Income and Resources
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Housing and Child Care
Verification of Household Characteristics	Verifies only when questionable
Vehicle Rules	Not applicable
Broad Based Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Simplified mandatory SUA
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	Yes, child support expenses are excluded
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
Ineligible Non-Citizen Income/Deductions	Prorated for both groups
Average Student Work Hours	Yes
Work Requirements and Employment & Training	Voluntary program
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban - Ineligible for 6 months. Must comply with drug treatment if referred.
Online Applications/Case Management	No/No
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	No
Program Integration	Completely integrated
Elderly/Disabled Recert Interview Waiver	No
Expedited Service Interview Waiver	No
On-Demand Interview Waiver	No
Electronic Notices Waiver	No
Combined Application Project	Yes
Standard Medical Deduction	No

North Dakota Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Option	Choice
Simplified Reporting	Simplified Reporting - 6 Months / 12 Months
Acting on All Changes	Act only on certain changes
Monthly/Change/Quarterly Reporting	None
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income and Resources	Both Income and Resources
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Housing and Child Care
Verification of Household Characteristics	Verifies only when questionable
Vehicle Rules	Not applicable
Broad Based Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Simplified mandatory SUA
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No, child support expenses are an income deduction
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
Ineligible Non-Citizen Income/Deductions	Prorated for both groups
Average Student Work Hours	Yes
Work Requirements and Employment & Training	Regulatory minimum
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Lifetime Ban
Online Applications/Case Management	Apply/No
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	Select areas of the State
Program Integration	Completely integrated
Elderly/Disabled Recert Interview Waiver	No
Expedited Service Interview Waiver	No
On-Demand Interview Waiver	No
Electronic Notices Waiver	No
Combined Application Project	No
Standard Medical Deduction	No

Ohio Food Assistance

Option	Choice
Simplified Reporting	Simplified Reporting - 6 Months /12 Months / 24 Months
Acting on All Changes	Act on all changes
Monthly/Change/Quarterly Reporting	None
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income and Resources	Both Income and Resources
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Housing and Child Care
Verification of Household Characteristics	Household Composition & Identity
Vehicle Rules	Not applicable
Broad Based Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Simplified mandatory SUA
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No, child support expenses are an income deduction
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	Yes -Flat Percentage 50%
Ineligible Non-Citizen Income/Deductions	All/Prorate
Average Student Work Hours	No
Work Requirements and Employment & Training	Regulatory minimum
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	Yes, for failure to cooperate
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Online Applications/Case Management	Apply and recertify/View and report
Call Centers	Yes-Select Region(s) within State
Document Imaging	Select areas of the State
Program Integration	Completely integrated
Elderly/Disabled Recert Interview Waiver	No
Expedited Service Interview Waiver	No
On-Demand Interview Waiver	No
Electronic Notices Waiver	No
Combined Application Project	No
Standard Medical Deduction	No

Oklahoma Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Option	Choice
Simplified Reporting	Simplified Reporting - 12 Months / 24 Months
Acting on All Changes	Act only on certain changes
Monthly/Change/Quarterly Reporting	Change Reporting Only
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income and Resources	Both Income and Resources
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Verifies only when questionable
Verification of Household Characteristics	Verifies only when questionable
Vehicle Rules	Not applicable
Broad Based Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Simplified mandatory SUA
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No, child support expenses are an income deduction
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	Yes -Flat Percentage 50%
Ineligible Non-Citizen Income/Deductions	Prorated for both groups
Average Student Work Hours	Yes
Work Requirements and Employment & Training	Regulatory minimum
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Online Applications/Case Management	Recertify/Report changes
Call Centers	Yes-Select Region(s) within State
Document Imaging	Statewide
Program Integration	Completely integrated
Elderly/Disabled Recert Interview Waiver	No
Expedited Service Interview Waiver	Yes
On-Demand Interview Waiver	No
Electronic Notices Waiver	No
Combined Application Project	No
Standard Medical Deduction	No

Oregon Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Option	Choice
Simplified Reporting	Simplified Reporting - 12 Month Certification Period
Acting on All Changes	Act only on certain changes
Monthly/Change/Quarterly Reporting	Change Reporting Only
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income and Resources	Both Income and Resources
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Verifies only when questionable
Verification of Household Characteristics	Verifies only when questionable
Vehicle Rules	At least one vehicle is excluded
Broad Based Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Simplified mandatory SUA
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No, child support expenses are an income deduction
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	Yes -Flat Percentage 50%
Ineligible Non-Citizen Income/Deductions	Prorate/None
Average Student Work Hours	Yes
Work Requirements and Employment & Training	Regulatory minimum
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Online Applications/Case Management	Apply and recertify/No
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	Statewide
Program Integration	Completely integrated
Elderly/Disabled Recert Interview Waiver	No
Expedited Service Interview Waiver	No
On-Demand Interview Waiver	No
Electronic Notices Waiver	No
Combined Application Project	No
Standard Medical Deduction	No

Pennsylvania Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Option	Choice
Simplified Reporting	Simplified Reporting - 12 Months / 24 Months
Acting on All Changes	Act on all changes
Monthly/Change/Quarterly Reporting	None
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income and Resources	Both Income and Resources
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Childcare
Verification of Household Characteristics	Verifies only when questionable
Vehicle Rules	At least one vehicle is excluded
Broad Based Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Simplified mandatory SUA
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No, child support expenses are an income deduction
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
Ineligible Non-Citizen Income/Deductions	Prorated for both groups
Average Student Work Hours	Yes
Work Requirements and Employment & Training	Voluntary program
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Online Applications/Case Management	Apply and recertify/View and report
Call Centers	Yes- Statewide
Document Imaging	Statewide
Program Integration	Completely integrated
Elderly/Disabled Recert Interview Waiver	No
Expedited Service Interview Waiver	No
On-Demand Interview Waiver	No
Electronic Notices Waiver	No
Combined Application Project	Yes
Standard Medical Deduction	No

Rhode Island Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Option	Choice
Simplified Reporting	Simplified Reporting - 12 Month Certification Period
Acting on All Changes	Act on all changes
Monthly/Change/Quarterly Reporting	Change Reporting Only
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income and Resources	Neither
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Housing and Child Care
Verification of Household Characteristics	Identity
Vehicle Rules	Not applicable
Broad Based Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Simplified mandatory SUA
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	Yes, child support expenses are excluded
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
Ineligible Non-Citizen Income/Deductions	Prorated for both groups
Average Student Work Hours	No
Work Requirements and Employment & Training	Voluntary program
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Online Applications/Case Management	No/No
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	Statewide
Program Integration	Completely integrated
Elderly/Disabled Recert Interview Waiver	No
Expedited Service Interview Waiver	No
On-Demand Interview Waiver	No
Electronic Notices Waiver	No
Combined Application Project	No
Standard Medical Deduction	Yes

South Carolina Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Option	Choice
Simplified Reporting	Simplified Reporting - 6 Month Certification Period
Acting on All Changes	Act only on certain changes
Monthly/Change/Quarterly Reporting	None
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income and Resources	Income Only
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Housing and Child Care
Verification of Household Characteristics	Verifies only when questionable
Vehicle Rules	Not applicable
Broad Based Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Simplified mandatory SUA
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No, child support expenses are an income deduction
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	Yes -Flat Percentage 40%
Ineligible Non-Citizen Income/Deductions	Prorated for both groups
Average Student Work Hours	No
Work Requirements and Employment & Training	Regulatory minimum
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Lifetime Ban
Online Applications/Case Management	Apply/No
Call Centers	Yes- Statewide
Document Imaging	Statewide
Program Integration	Not integrated
Elderly/Disabled Recert Interview Waiver	No
Expedited Service Interview Waiver	No
On-Demand Interview Waiver	Yes
Electronic Notices Waiver	No
Combined Application Project	Yes
Standard Medical Deduction	No

South Dakota Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Option	Choice
Simplified Reporting	Simplified Reporting - 12 Month Certification Period
Acting on All Changes	Act only on certain changes
Monthly/Change/Quarterly Reporting	None
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income and Resources	Both Income and Resources
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Housing and Child Care
Verification of Household Characteristics	Household Composition
Vehicle Rules	At least one vehicle is excluded
Broad Based Categorical Eligibility	No BBCE
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Simplified mandatory SUA
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	Yes, child support expenses are excluded
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	Yes -Flat Percentage 55%
Ineligible Non-Citizen Income/Deductions	Prorated for both groups
Average Student Work Hours	Yes
Work Requirements and Employment & Training	Extended periods
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Online Applications/Case Management	No/No
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	Statewide
Program Integration	Not integrated
Elderly/Disabled Recert Interview Waiver	No
Expedited Service Interview Waiver	No
On-Demand Interview Waiver	No
Electronic Notices Waiver	No
Combined Application Project	Yes
Standard Medical Deduction	Yes

Tennessee Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Option	Choice
Simplified Reporting	Simplified Reporting - 12 Month Certification Period
Acting on All Changes	Act on all changes
Monthly/Change/Quarterly Reporting	Change Reporting Only
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income and Resources	Both Income and Resources
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Housing and Child Care
Verification of Household Characteristics	Household Composition
Vehicle Rules	All vehicles are excluded
Broad Based Categorical Eligibility	No BBCE
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	SUA that is not mandatory
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No, child support expenses are an income deduction
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
Ineligible Non-Citizen Income/Deductions	Prorated for both groups
Average Student Work Hours	Yes
Work Requirements and Employment & Training	Regulatory minimum
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban - Regain eligibility if completed or complying with drug treatment.
Online Applications/Case Management	Apply/No
Call Centers	Yes- Statewide
Document Imaging	Statewide
Program Integration	Completely integrated
Elderly/Disabled Recert Interview Waiver	No
Expedited Service Interview Waiver	No
On-Demand Interview Waiver	No
Electronic Notices Waiver	No
Combined Application Project	No
Standard Medical Deduction	No

Texas Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Option	Choice
Simplified Reporting	Simplified Reporting - 6 Month Certification Period
Acting on All Changes	Act on all changes
Monthly/Change/Quarterly Reporting	None
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income and Resources	Both Income and Resources
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Childcare
Verification of Household Characteristics	Verifies only when questionable
Vehicle Rules	At least one vehicle is excluded
Broad Based Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Simplified mandatory SUA
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No, child support expenses are an income deduction
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
Ineligible Non-Citizen Income/Deductions	Prorated for both groups
Average Student Work Hours	Yes
Work Requirements and Employment & Training	Regulatory minimum
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Lifetime Ban
Online Applications/Case Management	Apply and recertify/View and report
Call Centers	Yes- Statewide
Document Imaging	Statewide
Program Integration	Completely integrated
Elderly/Disabled Recert Interview Waiver	Yes
Expedited Service Interview Waiver	No
On-Demand Interview Waiver	No
Electronic Notices Waiver	No
Combined Application Project	Yes
Standard Medical Deduction	Yes

Utah Food Stamps

Option	Choice
Simplified Reporting	Simplified Reporting - 6 Months / 12 Months
Acting on All Changes	Act on all changes
Monthly/Change/Quarterly Reporting	None
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income and Resources	Income Only
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Verifies only when questionable
Verification of Household Characteristics	Identity
Vehicle Rules	All vehicles are excluded
Broad Based Categorical Eligibility	No BBCE
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Simplified mandatory SUA
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No, child support expenses are an income deduction
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	Yes -Flat Percentage 40%
Ineligible Non-Citizen Income/Deductions	All/Prorate
Average Student Work Hours	Yes
Work Requirements and Employment & Training	Regulatory minimum
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Online Applications/Case Management	Apply and recertify/View and report
Call Centers	Yes- Statewide
Document Imaging	Statewide
Program Integration	Completely integrated
Elderly/Disabled Recert Interview Waiver	No
Expedited Service Interview Waiver	No
On-Demand Interview Waiver	Yes
Electronic Notices Waiver	Yes
Combined Application Project	No
Standard Medical Deduction	No

Vermont 3SquaresVT

Option	Choice
Simplified Reporting	Simplified Reporting - 12 Months / 24 Months
Acting on All Changes	Act on all changes
Monthly/Change/Quarterly Reporting	None
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income and Resources	Neither
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Verifies only when questionable
Verification of Household Characteristics	Verifies only when questionable
Vehicle Rules	At least one vehicle is excluded
Broad Based Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Simplified mandatory SUA
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No, child support expenses are an income deduction
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
Ineligible Non-Citizen Income/Deductions	Prorated for both groups
Average Student Work Hours	Yes
Work Requirements and Employment & Training	Voluntary program
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Online Applications/Case Management	Apply and recertify/View info
Call Centers	Yes- Statewide
Document Imaging	Statewide
Program Integration	Completely integrated
Elderly/Disabled Recert Interview Waiver	No
Expedited Service Interview Waiver	No
On-Demand Interview Waiver	Yes
Electronic Notices Waiver	No
Combined Application Project	No
Standard Medical Deduction	Yes

Virgin Islands Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Option	Choice
Simplified Reporting	Simplified Reporting - 6 Month Certification Period
Acting on All Changes	Act on all changes
Monthly/Change/Quarterly Reporting	Change Reporting Only
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income and Resources	Neither
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Housing and Child Care
Verification of Household Characteristics	Household Composition & Identity
Vehicle Rules	Not applicable
Broad Based Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	No SUA
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No, child support expenses are an income deduction
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
Ineligible Non-Citizen Income/Deductions	Prorated for both groups
Average Student Work Hours	Yes
Work Requirements and Employment & Training	Regulatory minimum
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Lifetime Ban
Online Applications/Case Management	No/No
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	No
Program Integration	Completely integrated
Elderly/Disabled Recert Interview Waiver	No
Expedited Service Interview Waiver	No
On-Demand Interview Waiver	No
Electronic Notices Waiver	No
Combined Application Project	No
Standard Medical Deduction	No

Virginia Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Option	Choice
Simplified Reporting	Simplified Reporting - 6 Months /12 Months / 24 Months
Acting on All Changes	Act on all changes
Monthly/Change/Quarterly Reporting	None
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income and Resources	Both Income and Resources
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Verifies only when questionable
Verification of Household Characteristics	Verifies only when questionable
Vehicle Rules	All vehicles are excluded
Broad Based Categorical Eligibility	No BBCE
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	SUA that is not mandatory
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No, child support expenses are an income deduction
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
Ineligible Non-Citizen Income/Deductions	Prorated for both groups
Average Student Work Hours	Yes
Work Requirements and Employment & Training	Voluntary program
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban - No lifetime ban for possession for personal use convictions .
Online Applications/Case Management	Apply and recertify/View and report
Call Centers	Yes-Select Region(s) within State
Document Imaging	Select areas of the State
Program Integration	Completely integrated
Elderly/Disabled Recert Interview Waiver	No
Expedited Service Interview Waiver	No
On-Demand Interview Waiver	No
Electronic Notices Waiver	No
Combined Application Project	Yes
Standard Medical Deduction	Yes

Washington Basic Food

Option	Choice
Simplified Reporting	Simplified Reporting - 12 Months / 24 Months
Acting on All Changes	Act on all changes
Monthly/Change/Quarterly Reporting	None
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income and Resources	Neither
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Verifies only when questionable
Verification of Household Characteristics	Verifies only when questionable
Vehicle Rules	Not applicable
Broad Based Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Simplified mandatory SUA
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	Yes, child support expenses are excluded
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	Another method Flat \$100 deduction
Ineligible Non-Citizen Income/Deductions	Prorated for both groups
Average Student Work Hours	Yes
Work Requirements and Employment & Training	Voluntary program
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Online Applications/Case Management	Apply and recertify/Report changes
Call Centers	Yes- Statewide
Document Imaging	Statewide
Program Integration	Completely integrated
Elderly/Disabled Recert Interview Waiver	No
Expedited Service Interview Waiver	No
On-Demand Interview Waiver	Yes
Electronic Notices Waiver	No
Combined Application Project	Yes
Standard Medical Deduction	Yes

West Virginia Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Option	Choice
Simplified Reporting	Simplified Reporting - 6 Months / 24 Months
Acting on All Changes	Act on all changes
Monthly/Change/Quarterly Reporting	None
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income and Resources	Both Income and Resources
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Verifies only when questionable
Verification of Household Characteristics	Verifies only when questionable
Vehicle Rules	Not applicable
Broad Based Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Simplified mandatory SUA
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No, child support expenses are an income deduction
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
Ineligible Non-Citizen Income/Deductions	Prorated for both groups
Average Student Work Hours	Yes
Work Requirements and Employment & Training	Voluntary program
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Lifetime Ban
Online Applications/Case Management	Apply and recertify/View and report
Call Centers	Yes- Statewide
Document Imaging	No
Program Integration	Partially Integrated
Elderly/Disabled Recert Interview Waiver	No
Expedited Service Interview Waiver	No
On-Demand Interview Waiver	No
Electronic Notices Waiver	No
Combined Application Project	No
Standard Medical Deduction	No

Wisconsin FoodShare

Option	Choice
Simplified Reporting	Simplified Reporting - 12 Month Certification Period
Acting on All Changes	Act on all changes
Monthly/Change/Quarterly Reporting	Change Reporting Only
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income and Resources	Both Income and Resources
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Verifies only when questionable
Verification of Household Characteristics	Verifies only when questionable
Vehicle Rules	Not applicable
Broad Based Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Simplified mandatory SUA
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No, child support expenses are an income deduction
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	No
Ineligible Non-Citizen Income/Deductions	Prorated for both groups
Average Student Work Hours	No
Work Requirements and Employment & Training	Voluntary program
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban - Drug testing required for 5 years. Ineligible for 1 year for each time drug test is failed.
Online Applications/Case Management	Apply and recertify/View and report
Call Centers	Yes- Statewide
Document Imaging	Statewide
Program Integration	Completely integrated
Elderly/Disabled Recert Interview Waiver	No
Expedited Service Interview Waiver	Yes
On-Demand Interview Waiver	No
Electronic Notices Waiver	No
Combined Application Project	Approved
Standard Medical Deduction	No

Wyoming Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Option	Choice
Simplified Reporting	Simplified Reporting - 6 Months / 24 Months
Acting on All Changes	Act on all changes
Monthly/Change/Quarterly Reporting	None
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income and Resources	Both Income and Resources
Verification of Deductible Expenses	Housing and Child Care
Verification of Household Characteristics	Verifies only when questionable
Vehicle Rules	All vehicles are excluded
Broad Based Categorical Eligibility	No BBCE
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Simplified mandatory SUA
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No, child support expenses are an income deduction
Simplified Self-Employment Determination	Yes -Flat Percentage 25%
Ineligible Non-Citizen Income/Deductions	Prorated for both groups
Average Student Work Hours	Yes
Work Requirements and Employment & Training	Voluntary program
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Online Applications/Case Management	No/No
Call Centers	No
Document Imaging	No
Program Integration	Completely integrated
Elderly/Disabled Recert Interview Waiver	No
Expedited Service Interview Waiver	No
On-Demand Interview Waiver	No
Electronic Notices Waiver	No
Combined Application Project	No
Standard Medical Deduction	Yes
