

CHANGE NOTICE FOR MANUAL

DATE: December 1, 2020
MANUAL: Food and Nutrition Services Certification Manual
TO: County Directors of Social Services
CHANGE NO: 3-2020
SUBJECT: Policy Updates
EFFECTIVE: January 1, 2021
Priority: For information and action

I. BACKGROUND

The purpose of this change notice is to update the Manual Sections 210 Household Concept, 250 Resources, 400 Simplified Reporting Category, and 620 Categorical Eligibility to comply with Section 4009 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 regarding lottery and gambling winnings.

Federal Regulations require loss of eligibility for a Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) unit in which any member receives lottery or gambling winnings of \$3500 or more. The FNS unit must report the lottery or gambling winnings by the 10th of the month following the month of the change, regardless of their other reporting requirements. These FNS units must be given a DSS-8553, Notice of Adverse Action informing them that they will lose eligibility for the FNS program. The FNS unit remains ineligible until they reapply and are evaluated using non-categorical eligibility financial resources and income eligibility requirements.

II. SPECIFIC CHANGES

A. Section 210, Household Concept

210.07 N. Individuals who cannot be included in the FNS unit

FNS units disqualified for Lottery/Gambling winnings was added to this section.

B. Section 250, Resources

1. 250.05 Countable/Excludable Reference List of Resources

Gambling winnings and Lottery winnings added to the resource chart.

2. 250.20 Lottery/Gambling Winnings

This section was added to explain the disqualification process as well as the requirements to regain eligibility after being disqualified for lottery/gambling winnings.

C. 400.03 A. 3, Household Change Reporting Requirements

The FNS unit's requirement to report lottery/gambling winnings of \$3500 or more was added to the change reporting requirements.

D. 620.01 C. 4, Categorical Eligibility Requirements

The requirement to apply regular non-categorical eligibility rules to FNS units that lose eligibility due to lottery/gambling winnings at the next application were added.

III. IMPLEMENTATION INSTRUCTIONS

These changes are effective January 1, 2021 with all new and pending applications, recertifications, and changes.

Submit any questions regarding this policy to the Operational Support Team (OST) at DSS.Policy.Questions@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Locklear".

David Locklear, Deputy Director
Economic and Family Services Section

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Attachments (4)

FNS 210
FNS 250
FNS 400
FNS 620