

CHANGE NOTICE FOR MANUAL

DATE: August 26, 2021
MANUAL: Food and Nutrition Services Certification Manual
TO: County Directors of Social Services
CHANGE NO: 13-2021
SUBJECT: Policy Updates
EFFECTIVE: August 26, 2021

I. BACKGROUND

The purpose of this change notice is to provide an update to the expanded (200%) categorical eligibility section. Previous instructions from USDA indicated that an applicant Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) household could not be considered expanded (200%) categorically eligible until the application was approved.

USDA has provided additional clarification indicating that a FNS household may be considered expanded (200%) categorically eligible from the date of application as long as all other criteria are met. The TANF funded services information was already included on the DSS-8207 FNS application and has been added to the NC FAST 20009. This insures all applicants are provided the TANF funded information at application. This will simplify the application process for both the county worker and the FNS applicant household as it removes some verification requirements.

II. SPECIFIC CHANGES

FNS 220.02 D
Instructions updated to include requirement to treat applicant households as expanded categorically eligible from the date of application as long as all other criteria are met.

III. IMPLEMENTATION INSTRUCTIONS

These changes are effective upon receipt for all new applications taken August 26, 2021 or later. Submit any questions regarding this policy to DSS.Policy.Questions@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,



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Attachment:
FNS 220 Categorical Eligibility