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SUBJECT: Expanded Categorical Eligibility

On June 7, 2010, a mass change will occur to implement broad-based Categorical Eligibility (CE). The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has encouraged all states to implement this optional policy in order to simplify the application process and assist with the management of increasing Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) caseloads.

Broad-based CE refers to policy that makes most households that are not already categorically eligible for SNAP through receipt of SSI, K-TAP, WIN or FAD, categorically eligible for SNAP based on receipt of a TANF funded benefit or service. In Kentucky, this service will be an information sheet provided to SNAP applicants making them aware of other programs for which they may qualify. This information sheet will be generated to all applicable households, who will be referred to as Expanded CE households, when the mass change occurs on June 7<sup>th</sup>. After that, the information sheet will be generated with all SNAP applications to aid in the implementation of this policy. A copy of the information sheet is attached.

Additionally, workers will no longer have to enter "Y" or "N" to make the household CE. The system will now determine categorical eligibility. The system text will read: "Categorical Eligibility Status: \_\_\_\_", and will display either:

- 'N' for not CE;
- 'C' for current CE rules; or
- 'E' for expanded CE rules.

Although most households will be considered CE or Expanded CE after the implementation of this policy, households who contain a member with a current IPV disqualification, a drug felon disqualification, or the head-of-household is disqualified for failure to comply with work requirements will remain non-CE, as under current policy.

The gross income limit for non-elderly/non-disabled households will remain at 130% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) for Expanded CE households; however, an income limit of 200% of the FPL will apply to elderly/disabled households. Resources will be excluded for all CE and Expanded CE households.

This change will also involve the elimination of suspended cases. Once a currently suspended case with three (3) or more members is recalculated, if benefits still calculate to zero (0) the case will be denied or discontinued with reason code 102 or 502, "Income Exceeds Limit".  
No action is needed by the local office.

If you have questions, please contact the Division of Family Support through your Regional Office.

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