



SNAP 1501-2 Mass Change

References:	7 CFR 273.12(e)
Overview:	GENERAL RULE: Mass changes are initiated by the state or federal government and generally affect the <u>entire</u> caseload or a significant portion of the caseload.
Policy:	MASS CHANGES Mass changes are effective the same date for all households. A notice is not required for mass change situations listed in 1 - 5 below; however, it is a best practice to send a notice to the household informing them of the benefit change. Adequate notice is required to be sent to the household listed in 6 - 8 below (SNAP 1503-1). Mass changes include but are not limited to the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Adjustments to income eligibility standards (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program GMI or NMI limits);2. Adjustments in the maximum SNAP allotment (Thrifty Food Plan);3. Adjustments in the standard deduction;4. Adjustments in the shelter or dependent care deduction;5. Annual and seasonal adjustments to utility standards;6. Periodic cost-of-living adjustments to Retirement, Survivors, and Disability Insurance (RSDI), Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and other federal benefits;7. Periodic cost-of-living adjustments to TANF Cash, Tribal TANF, or General Assistance (GA) payments; and,8. Other changes in the eligibility and benefit criteria based on legislative or regulatory changes.
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