



## SNAP 500 INCOME Overview

**Supersedes:** SNAP 500 (04/01/10)

**Reference:** 7 CFR 273.9; 7 CFR 273.11(c)

**Overview:** The filing unit's income eligibility is determined by evaluating the income of each member. All income or money obligated to the household from any source is evaluated to determine if the income is earned or unearned and countable or excluded. All income must be entered in CHIMES even if it is excluded per policy.

Income eligibility is determined by evaluating the household's current and anticipated circumstances based on reasonable expectations and knowledge of its financial circumstances. The result accurately reflects facts for prospecting income eligibility through the certification period.

### **TYPES OF INCOME:**

There are two types of income:

1. Earned income:
  - a. Wages and salaries for services performed
  - b. Net earnings from self-employment even if the net income is \$0.00 after allowable deductions.
2. Unearned income is all income not earned in wages/salaries/self-employment.

### **AVAILABLE INCOME:**

Households are not required to apply for income they might be eligible to receive such as unemployment, child support, Social Security, etc.

### **INCOME OF DISQUALIFIED/INELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS:**

The eligibility staff member must enter the correct data for required disqualified and ineligible household members.

1. Household members who are disqualified from SNAP due to being a drug felon, fugitive felon, or having a work registration penalty or IPV - all income not excluded by policy is countable and is **NOT prorated**. Earned income deductions are allowed.
2. Household members who are disqualified from SNAP due to exhausting ABAWD time limits, being an ineligible alien, failing to provide a SSN - all income not excluded per policy **IS prorated** evenly among all household members. The income, except the ineligible member's share, is used as income in the budget to determine eligibility and benefit level. The earned income disregards are allowed.

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