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Asset Verification for FoodShare

CROSS-REFERENCE

• FoodShare Wisconsin Policy Handbook, <u>Sections 1.2.4.4 Asset Verification</u>, <u>1.2.6.1 Required Verification to Determine Eligibility</u>, <u>4.2.2 Regular SNAP Rules</u>, and <u>8.1.1.3 Asset Limits</u>

EFFECTIVE DATE

December 10, 2025

PURPOSE

This operations memo announces a change to the asset verification requirements for food units with FoodShare eligibility tested under regular SNAP rules (see FoodShare Wisconsin Policy Handbook, Section 4.2.2 Regular SNAP Rules).

BACKGROUND

Most FoodShare food units are considered broad-based categorically eligible (BBCE), and BBCE food units have no asset limit for FoodShare eligibility. However, food units tested under regular SNAP rules are subject to an asset limit and under current policy, these food units must verify all reported assets.

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POLICY

Effective December 10, 2025, FoodShare households tested under regular SNAP rules will only be required to verify their assets if they are found questionable.

If a household reports assets over the asset limit and the information is not questionable, eligibility can be determined without requesting verification of the assets.

Example 1: Norma Jean applies for FoodShare. She is 86 years old. Because she is elderly and her gross monthly income is over 200% of the FPL, her FoodShare eligibility is determined using regular SNAP rules. Norma Jean is subject to the EBD asset limit (see FoodShare Wisconsin Policy Handbook, Section 8.1.1.3 Asset Limits). She reports she has a checking and savings account but does not know how much is in either account. Verification of Norma Jean's assets is requested because the amount of assets is questionable.

Example 2: Baylor is reapplying for FoodShare for himself after getting denied for receiving a substantial gambling winning. His FoodShare eligibility is determined under regular SNAP rules. Baylor reports his only asset is a checking account with \$9,787. His reported asset is not questionable and does not require verification. His application is denied because he is over the non-EBD asset limit (see FoodShare Wisconsin Policy Handbook, Section 8.1.1.3 Asset Limits).

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