

FoodShare Asset Question

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FoodShare Asset project

As part of the 2017-19 Biennial Budget (2017 Wis. Act 59), the Wisconsin State Legislature enacted a new asset limit for FoodShare, **pending** Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) **waiver approval**.

If the waiver is approved all food units (without an elderly blind or disabled member) will be subject to a \$25,000 liquid asset limit test as a condition of the eligibility determination.

Overview of policy changes

FoodShare will require all food units to answer the following interview question at the time of the application and renewal interview:

“Does your household have \$25,000 or more in checking, savings, and/or money market accounts?”

- An answer of “yes” will result in a denial of FoodShare for excess assets.
- An answer of “no” will pass the asset test.

Overview of policy changes

The following liquid asset totals are counted for food units:

- Checking
- Savings
- Money Market

There is no verification required for this asset question because the response is self-attested.

Assets reported for another program, including elderly blind and disabled food units are not to be considered for this asset test.

Overview of policy changes

When eligibility is run for FoodShare, CWW will evaluate all the members to determine if an elderly, blind or disabled member is part of the food unit. If an EBD member is identified, the asset question and any response will no longer be part of the eligibility determination.

There is no requirement for the food unit to report changes in assets until the next renewal.

Enhancements

CARES enhancements

A new page has been created titled Assets for FoodShare, the page will be in the CWW Navigation Menu.

The screenshot shows a web form titled "Assets for FoodShare" with a "Cancel" button and a "Reset" button in the top right corner. The form is divided into several sections:

- Effective Period:** A section with a red asterisk indicating a required field. It contains a "Begin Month" field with a dropdown menu set to "10" and a text field for the year set to "2017". To the right of this field is the text "Last Updated:".
- Additional Information:** A section with a red asterisk containing the question "Does your household have \$25,000 or more in checking, savings, and/or money market accounts?". The answer is selected as "No" in a dropdown menu.
- Comments:** A large text area for entering comments. Below the text area, it says "Current Size = 0 characters (500 characters max.)".
- Navigation:** At the bottom of the form, there are several navigation elements:
 - A bar with "Updated on or before" followed by a date selection field (month, day, year) and a "Go" button.
 - A bar with "Enter New Begin Month:" followed by a date selection field (month, day, year) and a "Go" button.
 - Buttons for "Add Case Comment", "Cancel", "Previous", and "Next".

CARES enhancements

For all FoodShare requests, the Assets for FoodShare page will be scheduled from the Interview Details page for the following driver flows:

- FoodShare Application
- FoodShare Renewal/Review
- FoodShare Program Add

The Assets for FoodShare page will not be scheduled during the Person Add driver flows.

Correspondence enhancements

Language on the notice of decision, verification check list and case summary will address the following scenarios:

- The applicant or member states that the household **does** have \$25,000 or more in checking, savings, and/or money market accounts.
- The applicant or member states that the household **does not** have \$25,000 or more in checking, savings, and/or money market accounts.
- The applicant or member states **unknown** to whether or not the household has \$25,000 or more in checking, savings, and/or money market accounts.

Following waiver approval

- Operations memo will be released two weeks prior to implementation
- FoodShare handbook policy updates will be scheduled

Note: At this time no additional presentations for this project have been scheduled.

This presentation is informational only. This is not yet a policy change.

Questions

