

Overview

Recent changes in federal regulations require the reporting of substantial lottery and gambling winnings by FoodShare households.

The new policy will require process and system updates.

New Policy and Eligibility Rules

A substantial lottery or gambling winnings is defined as a cash prize, won in a single game (ticket, hand, similar bet), before taxes or other amounts are withheld, which is equal to or greater than the asset limit for elderly or disabled households.

The current limit is \$4,250 until September 30, 2024. This limit will be adjusted annually for COLA updates every October.

New Policy and Eligibility Rules

Under federal regulations, all FoodShare households are required to report substantial lottery or gambling winnings by the 10th day of the following month. FoodShare households with substantial lottery or gambling winnings will lose their eligibility for FoodShare. When/if they re-apply, their eligibility must be re-determined under regular SNAP rules.

A substantial winning received prior to an initial application does not affect eligibility. Only consider winnings received during the certification period or won at the time of the renewal or SMRF.

New Policy and Eligibility Rules

When re-applying, the household's eligibility must be re-determined under regular SNAP rules. This will be a manual process. The household must meet and verify allowable income and asset limits under regular SNAP rules to qualify for benefits. The household must reapply under regular SNAP rules until they are determined eligible.

A substantial winning only applies to the household where the member resided when the winnings were received. If the household composition changes, then the household would no longer exist as it did when the winnings were received. This new household does not need to apply under regular SNAP rules.

ACCESS Changes

To help household members report their lottery and gambling winnings, modules in ACCESS will be enhanced to collect this information:

Renew My Benefits (RMB) Module and Online SMRF

When completing a renewal or a SMRF, members will be required to report any substantial lottery and gambling winnings on the Assets page.

Report My Changes (RMC) Module

The Landing page will include the requirement that FoodShare members must report substantial lottery and gambling winnings. Note that members will need to contact their local IM agency to report (since the winnings are not reportable in this module).

ACCESS Changes

Once household members have reported substantial lottery and gambling winnings, modules in ACCESS will be enhanced to include information about pending for verification of the income or loss of eligibility:

Check My Benefits (CMB) Module - Pending

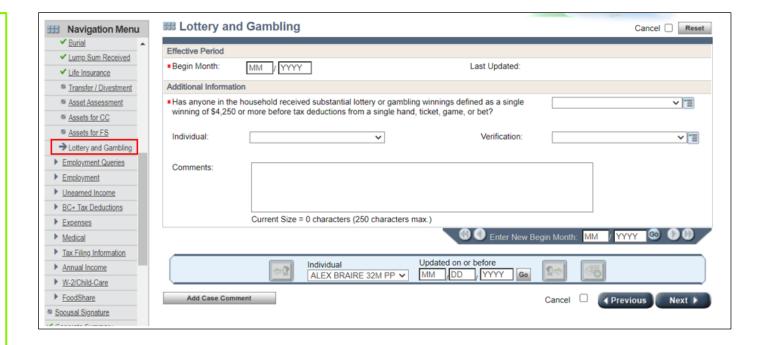
When the worker pends for verification or a response, the member will receive a message on the Account Home page to check for the VCL. They will receive a similar message under Submit Your Documents.

Check My Benefits (CMB) Module - Failure

When a worker fails the household for failing to respond to the request to verify or report a winning, or the household reports substantial winnings, the member will see the decision in the Benefit Details page.

CWW will be updated so IM workers can process reported lottery and gambling winnings.

The new Lottery and Gambling page will be scheduled to collect information from a renewal or SMRF (workers can directly navigate to the page for a change report).

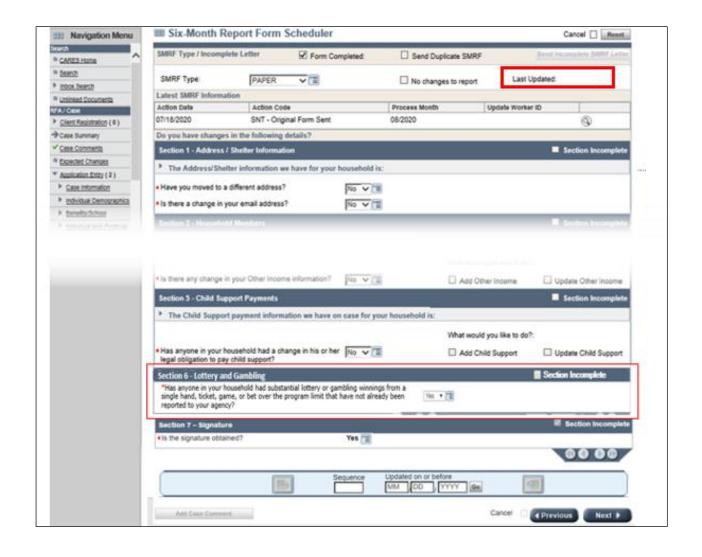


CARES will be updated to send a VCL if the member does not answer the question about lottery and gambling winnings, or the worker needs verification of the member's response.

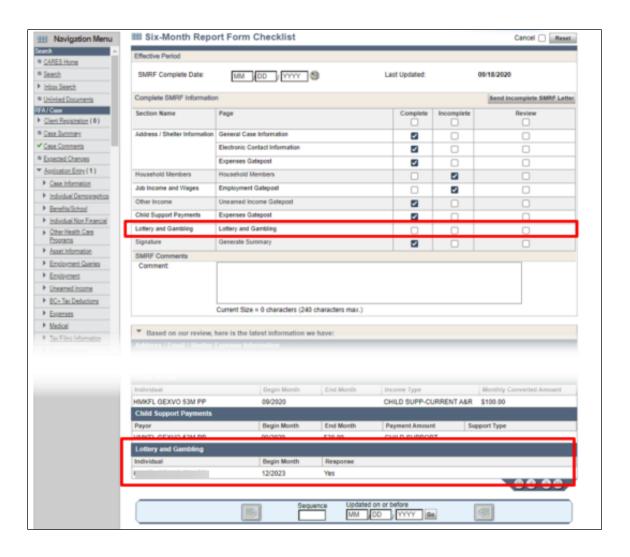
- Verification Checklist page will detail the request for a response to the question or the need to verify Lottery and Gambling winnings information.
- Verification Due Dates page will be set for a response to the question or verification request.
- Pending/Not Verified Information page will detail the request for a response of need to verify.

The Six-Month Report Form
Scheduler page will include the
question regarding lottery and
gambling winnings as the new
Section 6. Selecting **Yes** will
schedule the Lottery and
Gambling page; and selecting **No**will skip the page.

Note: The paper SMRF will be updated to include the question.



The SMRF Checklist page will include information on Lottery and Gambling winnings, a member may report a substantial winning. From this page, workers can choose to send the SMRF Incomplete Letter if the member did not respond to the question by checking the box for Section 6 and clicking **Next**. Otherwise, the worker proceeds to the Case Summary page.



Correspondence Changes

There are changes in addition to the CARES-generated VCL described on a previous slide.

A one-time notice is expected to be sent in late September 2023 to all open FoodShare households regarding the requirement to report lottery and gambling winnings.

A Notice of Decision will be sent to households receiving a substantial lottery or gambling winning and/or failure to report or verify the winning.

Questions?