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I. STATEMENT OF POLICY

E-211-SNAP - PO DEFINITION

A boarder is a person or a group of persons living with a household and paying reasonable compensation for meals and lodging.

Reasonable compensation is an amount equal to or exceeding:

- the amount of the full allotment for the appropriate size boarder household if the boarder eats more than two meals a day with the SNAP household, or
- two-thirds of the full allotment for the appropriate size boarder household if the boarder eats two meals or less a day with the SNAP household.

Note: To determine reasonable compensation, count only the amount paid for meals, if it can be separated from lodging. If the amount cannot be separated from lodging, evaluate the total payment.

Foster care individuals placed in the home of relatives or other individuals or families by a federal, state, or local government foster care program, are considered boarders.


Boarders are ineligible to participate in SNAP independent of the household providing the board.

A household may choose to include or exclude the boarder as a household member.

E-211-1-SNAP - PO Persons Not Allowed as Boarders

The following persons shall not be granted boarder status and must participate as members of the household:

- children who are under 18 years old and are under the parental control of an adult in the household,
- parents and children (21 years of age or younger) of household members unless one of the parents is age 60 or over and disabled and meets the criteria found in number nine of C-121-SNAP,
- spouses of household members, and
- persons furnished both meals and lodging but paying less than reasonable compensation. These persons are considered household members of the household providing meals.

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BOARDER EXAMPLES

Example 1: Mr. A. pays the household monthly for room and board. Three meals per day are provided by the household. The amount paid for meals cannot be distinguished from the portion paid for lodging. Mr. A. pays an amount which exceeds the full *** allotment for a one person household; therefore, he is considered a boarder.

Example 2: Mr. B. pays the household monthly for room and board. Three meals per day are provided by the household. Mr. B. pays an amount for meals which exceeds the full *** allotment for a one person household; therefore, he is considered a boarder.

Example 3: Mr. C. pays the household monthly for room and board. Three meals per day are provided by the household. Half of the payment is for meals and half for board. The amount paid for meals is less than the full *** allotment for one person; therefore, Mr. C. is not considered a boarder.

Example 4: Mr. D. pays the household monthly for room and board. The amount paid for meals can be distinguished from the amount paid for lodging. The household provides two meals per day. The amount Mr. D. pays for meals exceeds two-thirds of the full *** allotment for one person; therefore, he is considered a boarder.

E-212-SNAP - PO BOARDERS AS SNAP HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS

If the client chooses to include a boarder as a SNAP household member:

- count all income and resources of the boarder and allow deductions as appropriate, but
- do not count the payment from the boarder as income to the SNAP household because it is considered money transferred between SNAP household members.


If the boarder is a foster care individual and is included as a SNAP household member, count the foster care payments.

E-213-SNAP - PO BOARDERS NOT IN THE SNAP HOUSEHOLD

If the boarder is not included as a SNAP household member:

- do not count his income and resources, but
- count the payment from the boarder, including contributions made directly to the household toward the household's shelter expenses, as self-employment income for the household.

Exception: If the boarder is a foster care individual not included in the SNAP household, do not count the foster care payments.

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E-213-1-SNAP - PO Cost of Doing Business

Determine the gross income the SNAP household receives from the boarder and deduct the cost of doing business.

For boarders, the cost of doing business cannot exceed the total payment for meals and lodging and must equal either:

- the monthly SNAP allotment for a household size that is equal to the number of boarders, or
- the actual verified cost of providing room and meals, if the actual costs exceed the monthly SNAP allotment for that number of boarders. If actual costs are used, only separate and identifiable costs of providing room and meals to boarders shall be allowed.

Note: When there are two or more boarders in a household, whether they are one household or separate households, the value of the full allotment for a household size equal to the number of boarders is deductible.

II. PROCEDURES

E-211-SNAP - PR DEFINITION

There are no procedures for this policy.

E-212-SNAP - PR BOARDERS AS SNAP HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS

Boarders included as a SNAP household member must be included with the appropriate inclusion code and reason on LAMI.

E-213-SNAP - PR BOARDERS NOT IN THE SNAP HOUSEHOLD


Boarders not included as a SNAP household member are not added to LAMI.

III. FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS

There are no forms and instructions associated with this policy.

IV. REFERENCES

7CFR 273.1

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