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| | **Document No./Name** | C-650-SNAP Eligibility Dates and Benefit Amounts |
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## I. STATEMENT OF POLICY

### C-651-SNAP - PO DATE ELIGIBILITY BEGINS

DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY FOR THE MONTH OF APPLICATION AND SUBSEQUENT MONTHS.

### C-652-SNAP - PO PRORATION

BENEFITS FOR THE INITIAL MONTH OF CERTIFICATION ARE PRORATED FROM THE DATE OF APPLICATION. THE INITIAL MONTH IS THE FIRST MONTH A HOUSEHOLD IS ELIGIBLE FOLLOWING ANY PERIOD DURING WHICH THE HOUSEHOLD WAS NOT CERTIFIED.

EXCEPTION: Do not prorate benefits if a household member is a migrant or seasonal farm worker who has received SNAP benefits within the last 30 days.

Do not authorize prorated benefits of less than $10. Eligibility begins the initial month even if benefits for the initial month prorate to less than $10.

### C-652-1-SNAP - PO Calculating the Prorated Amount

To calculate the prorated benefit amount for the initial month of the certification period, the following formula should be used:

$$X = \frac{a \times b}{c}$$

$$\text{full month's benefits} \times \frac{(\text{number of days in month} + 1 - \text{date of application})}{\text{number of days in month}} = \text{allotment}$$

EXAMPLE 1: The full month benefit amount is $280, the month has 31 days, and the application date is the 5th of the month.

CALCULATION: 31 (days in month) + (plus) 1 = 32 - (minus) 5 (application date) = 27/ (divided by) 31 (days in month) = 0.87 multiplied by $280 (full month of benefits) = $243.87 (prorated amount if application date was the 5th of the month) $243. Prorated benefit amounts are rounded down to the nearest dollar.

EXAMPLE 2: The full month benefit amount is $280, the month has 30 days, and the application date is the 5th of the month.

CALCULATION: 30 (days in month) + (plus) 1 = 31 – (minus) 5 (application date) = 26 / (divided by) 30 (days in month) = 0.86 multiplied by $280 (full month of benefits) = 242.66. $242 (prorated amount if the application date was the 5th of the month. Prorated benefit amounts are rounded down to the nearest dollar.

EXAMPLE 2: The full month benefit amount is $280, the month has 28 days, and the application date is the 5th of the month.

CALCULATION: 28 (days in month) + (plus) 1 = 29 - (minus) 5 (application date) = 24/ (divided by) 28 (days in month) = 0.85 multiplied by $280 (full month of benefits) = $240 (prorated amount if the application date was the 5th of the month). Prorated benefit amounts are rounded down to the nearest dollar.

**C-653-SNAP - PO RESERVED**

**C-654-SNAP - PO LENGTH OF CERTIFICATION**

AT THE EXPIRATION OF THE CERTIFICATION PERIOD, ENTITLEMENT TO BENEFITS ENDS AND THE CLIENT MUST REAPPLY AND BE DETERMINED ELIGIBLE IN ORDER TO CONTINUE RECEIVING BENEFITS.

THE CERTIFICATION PERIOD BEGINS WITH THE EFFECTIVE MONTH OF THE CERTIFICATION.

Assign households the longest possible certification based on the predictability of the household's circumstances. Certification periods shall not exceed the following time frames:

| Maximum Length of Certification Period | Household Characteristics |
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| 12 months | PA and NPA households that do not qualify for a 36-month certification period. |
| 36 months | Elderly Simplified Application Project (ESAP) households<br>▪ In which all adult members (age 18 or over) are disabled as defined in Document No. C-1510-SNAP or are age 65 or over, AND<br>▪ Which have no earned income.<br>These households may include children under 18 years of age. |

## II. PROCEDURES

### C-651-SNAP - PR DATE ELIGIBILITY BEGINS

There are no procedures for this policy.

### C-652-SNAP - PR PRORATION

There are no procedures for this policy.

### C-652-1-SNAP - PR Calculating the Prorated Amount

There are no procedures for this policy.

### C-653-SNAP - PR RESERVED

There are no procedures for this policy.

### C-654-SNAP - PR LENGTH OF CERTIFICATION

There are no procedures for this policy.

## III. FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS

There are no forms or instructions for this policy.

## IV. REFERENCES

7 CFR 273.10(a)(1)(iii)