

**MFIP, MSA, GRH:**

No provisions.

**DWP:**

Participants are categorically eligible for SNAP for the duration of eligibility. See the SNAP provisions below.

**SNAP:****ELDERLY/DISABLED UNITS**

Units with an elderly/disabled member do NOT have to meet a gross income test, however, if the unit's gross income is over 200% FPG, the unit is subject to a NET income test and is not considered categorically eligible. See [0018 \(Determining Net Income\)](#), [0020.12 \(SNAP Assistance Standards\)](#).

If the elderly/disabled unit does not meet categorical eligibility under Set 1 and the unit's GROSS income is under 200% FPG, the unit may be categorically eligible if they meet eligibility under Set 2. See Set 2 eligibility below under the sub-heading CATEGORICALLY ELIGIBLE UNITS.

There is NO asset test for elderly/disabled units.

**CATEGORICALLY ELIGIBLE UNITS**

A unit that is categorically eligible for SNAP may receive \$0 benefits due to his/her level of income. Categorically eligible cases remain open on SNAP even if they receive no benefits. Follow the provisions in [0016 \(Income From People Not in the Unit\)](#), [0017 \(Determining Gross Income\)](#), [0018 \(Determining Net Income\)](#), [0022 \(Budgeting and Benefit Determination\)](#).

There are special provisions for categorically eligible units with 1 or 2 members. See [0022.12.01 \(How to Calculate Benefit Level - SNAP/MSA/GRH\)](#).

Some units may be categorically eligible, but contain a non-categorically eligible member. The remaining unit members ARE categorically eligible. The following unit members may already have been removed or found ineligible for SNAP. These people CANNOT be included in a categorically eligible unit:

- Ineligible non-citizens. See [0031 \(Non-Citizen Guidance\)](#).
- Ineligible students. See [0011.18 \(Students\)](#).
- People who are residents of an institution and are not eligible to receive SNAP. See [0011.12 \(Institutional Residence\)](#).
- People who are ineligible due to non-cooperation with work requirements. See [0028.07 \(General Work Rules for SNAP\)](#), [0028.21 \(Good Cause Non-Compliance-SNAP/MSA/GA/GRH\)](#), [0028.30.06 \(Sanctions for Not Meeting SNAP Work Rules\)](#).

There are 2 sets of categorical eligible units. The 1st set includes units that meet 1 or more of the conditions below. These are exempt from the asset, gross income, net income tests and residency requirements. They are still subject to all other eligibility requirements.

- Units in which at least 1 member of the unit is receiving, is eligible to receive, or is authorized to receive benefits or services and could receive them upon request, even though he/she may not be currently receiving benefits or services from 1 of the following programs:
  - Transition Year Child Care. See [0029.30 \(Child Care Assistance\)](#). To be considered eligible or authorized to receive TYCC, someone in the unit must apply and be determined eligible.
  - OR
  - Basic Sliding Fee Child Care. See [0029.30 \(Child Care Assistance\)](#). To be considered categorically eligible, the client must apply and be determined eligible for Basic Sliding Fee, even if not receiving child care assistance. Being on the

Basic Sliding Fee waiting list does not meet the Categorical Eligibility criteria.

Ask the unit about receipt of or eligibility for any of these programs at application, and whenever a SNAP unit exceeds the SNAP asset limit, gross income limit, or net income limit. Verify receipt of or eligibility for the benefits from the case record or by contacting the appropriate Child Care worker. Once the unit's categorical eligibility status is known to the agency, document this in CASE/NOTES. See [0005.12.12 \(Application Interviews\)](#) for additional information.

- Units in which 1 member participates in the Diversionary Work Program (DWP). **NOTE:** When DWP closes and the unit is not referred to MFIP, continue SNAP eligibility and recalculate benefits.
- A unit composed entirely of people who receive GA, MSA, or SSI in Minnesota. Consider people to be receiving GA, MSA, or SSI if any of the following apply:
  - They have been approved for GA, MSA, or SSI but have not yet received payment.  
OR
  - Their GA, MSA, or SSI payments have been suspended or are being recouped. People suspended for non-compliance with treatment referral requirements for a drug addiction and/or alcoholic condition are not categorically eligible during the period of suspension.

The 2nd set includes units in which at least 1 member of the unit meets the Domestic Violence Information Brochure Program requirements. Under this set units are eligible for SNAP when:

- A household member has received [Domestic Violence Information \(DHS-3477\) \(PDF\)](#).  
AND
- The unit's income is within current SNAP program gross income limits. See [0019.06 \(Gross Income Limits\)](#). **NOTE:** The exceptions to the gross income test (GIT) listed in [0019 \(Gross Income Test\)](#) apply when determining a unit's gross income. Units that meet gross income limits are exempt from net income limits.

There is no asset test for this 2nd set.

## NON-CATEGORICALLY ELIGIBLE UNITS

Use the following procedures for SNAP units that do not qualify for categorical eligibility.

When a SNAP unit member is disqualified due to an Intentional Program Violation (IPV), the entire SNAP unit does not meet categorical eligibility. Determine if SNAP eligibility exists using the Gross Income Limit for non-categorically eligible units. See [0019.06 \(Gross Income Limits\)](#). There is NO asset test for IPV non-categorically eligible units.

Consider the income of the following SNAP units using the Gross Income Limit for non-categorical eligible units. See [0019.06 \(Gross Income Limits\)](#). There is NO asset test for non-categorically eligible units who have received [Domestic Violence Information \(DHS-3477\) \(PDF\)](#) (DVB).

Categorical eligibility DOES NOT exist for any unit in which:

- A unit member fails to comply with monthly or Six-Month Reporting requirements.
- The Principal Wage Earner (PWE) is disqualified for failure to cooperate with work requirements.

There is NO asset test for non-categorically eligible units.

### GA:

No provisions. See the SNAP provisions above for GA applicants or participants who are also applying for or receiving SNAP.