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1600.00.00 CATEGORIES OF ASSISTANCE

This chapter of the manual provides information regarding the SNAP and TANF programs. It also defines each specific TANF category under which a person/family can qualify. Additionally, it explains the scope of coverage offered under each program and/or category.

With the exception of SNAP, the assistance programs have categorical eligibility requirements which must be met in order to receive assistance. These requirements are discussed in detail in Chapter 2400 - Non-Financial Eligibility Requirements.

The main sections in this chapter are:

Categories of Assistance (Section 1600);

Cash Assistance (Section 1605);

SNAP (Section 1630);

Categorically Ineligible for Cash (Section 1650);

1605.00.00 CASH ASSISTANCE (C)

Two programs provide Cash Assistance in Indiana: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA). The specific categories and the eligibility system assistance group codes are discussed in the following sections.

1605.05.00 REGULAR TANF (C)

This category is identified in the eligibility system as ADCR.

To be eligible in this category one or both of the child's parents will be absent from the home.

1605.10.00 TWO-PARENT TANF (C)

This category is identified in the eligibility system as ADCU.

To be eligible in this category the assistance group will include both parents. (f1)

1605.20.00 REFUGEE CASH ASSISTANCE (C)

Assistance groups under the Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA) Program are identified in the eligibility system as ADCQ.

RCA is limited to those individuals who meet immigration status and identification requirements as a refugee and who are not eligible for cash assistance under the TANF programs. (f2)

Refugees who are 65 years of age or older, or who are disabled or blind, must be referred to the Social Security Administration (SSA) to apply for Supplemental Security Income (SSI). Cash Assistance may be provided until SSI is approved. Assistance under this category is limited to the first eight months the refugee is in the United States.

1630.00.00 SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) (S)

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) assistance groups are known as either Non-Assistance (NA) or Public Assistance (PA). The definition of a PA AG is identical to that of categorically eligible AGs. (Reference Section 1630.05.00.) All other AGs are non-categorically eligible. ICES will determine if an AG is categorically eligible and the only indication of this will be reason code 022, all members receive TANF or SSI, on the authorization screen AEWAA.

Caseworkers need to recognize which AGs are categorically eligible to correctly apply the different verification standards that apply to PA households.

1630.05.00 CATEGORICALLY ELIGIBLE ASSISTANCE GROUPS (S)

AGs in which all members are receiving public assistance (PA) in the form of TANF (ADCU and ADCR categories) or SSI are categorically eligible. These PA AGs are eligible for SNAP without verification of resources, income, SSN, residency or sponsored alien status because the verifications obtained when TANF and SSI were approved are below the SNAP guidelines.

The following persons will not be included in AGs that are otherwise categorically eligible:

- Ineligible aliens;
- Ineligible students;

Institutionalized members;
Disqualified AG members.

**1630.10.00 NON-CATEGORICALLY ELIGIBLE ASSISTANCE GROUPS
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AGs will not be considered categorically eligible if:

A member is disqualified for IPV, or

A TANF member is disqualified for IMPACT, work
registration non-compliance or IV-D non-compliance.

1650.00.00 CATEGORICALLY INELIGIBLE FOR CASH

If an applicant does not qualify for any category of
assistance, the eligibility system will configure an
assistance group and sequence number with only the program
designation: ADC 01 ("ADC blank"). The AG will fail -
individual does not qualify under any of the categories of
assistance.

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(f1) Family Support Act of 1988
(f2) 45 CFR 400.60