

Transitional SNAP

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Introduction

The Tennessee Department of Human Services (TDHS) may provide Transitional Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits to active SNAP households that become ineligible for Families First due to a change that caused earnings to exceed the Families First income standard.

Scope

This policy was developed to outline the eligibility requirements for customers to receive Transitional SNAP.

Policy

Eligibility Requirements

Transitional SNAP (T-SNAP) benefits may be provided to existing SNAP households when their Families First cash assistance closes because of new or increased earnings, or because another change in circumstances causes existing earnings to exceed the Families First income standard. The household has the option to choose T-SNAP or work incentive payments (WIP), but not both. If the customer chooses T-SNAP, benefits will start the first month following Families First closure and shall be received up to five (5) months. Transitional SNAP shall continue throughout the five-month period unless the household re-applies and is approved for Families First or the household re-applies and is approved for regular SNAP benefits.

1. T-SNAP Eligibility is not contingent on all SNAP household members receiving Families First, but ineligible or disqualified individuals would not be eligible for T-SNAP if they were not eligible for SNAP.
2. Households sanctioned for Families First non-compliance when a corresponding SNAP sanction is in place or SNAP sanction must be imposed would not be eligible for T-SNAP.
3. If there is an open Families First case remaining within the SNAP household, the SNAP household would not be eligible for T-SNAP.

Changes

A household receiving T-SNAP is not required to report changes during the five (5) month period but may apply for regular SNAP at any time if they wish to increase the level of SNAP benefits because of changes that have occurred.

Supporting Documents

[Transitional SNAP Procedures](#)

[Transitional SNAP \(T-SNAP\) Desk Guide](#)

[Families First Work Incentive Payments](#)

Retention of Records

Pending

Definitions/Acronyms

Term	Definition
SNAP	<i>Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program</i>
WIP	<i>Work Incentive Payment</i>
T-SNAP	<i>Transitional SNAP</i>

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