



SNAP Destitute Households Migrant or Seasonal Farmworkers

Policy 24.21

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Introduction

The Tennessee Department of Human Services (TDHS) shall determine eligibility for migrant or seasonal farmworker households that are classified as destitute differently for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) than other potentially eligible SNAP households.

Scope

This policy was developed to outline the requirements for households that are determined to be migrant or seasonal farmworker households that are classified as destitute.

Policy

Destitute Migrant or Seasonal Farmworker Households

Migrant or seasonal farmworker households may be entitled to expedited service and special income calculation procedures due to little or no income and may need immediate food assistance. Households other than migrant or seasonal farmworker households shall not be classified as destitute.

Migrant or seasonal farmworker households are considered destitute when their resources do not exceed one hundred dollars (\$100) and:

1. their only income for the application month is received from a terminated source prior to the application date;
2. their only income for the application month is from a new source and not more than twenty-five dollars (\$25) from the new income source will be received by the tenth (10th) calendar day after the application date; or
3. their only income for the application month is received both from a terminated and a new source as described above.

Determination of Eligibility for Destitute Households

Destitute households shall have their eligibility and level of benefits calculated for the month of application by considering only income which is received between the first of the month and the date of application.

Any income from a new source that is anticipated after the day of application shall be disregarded.

At recertification, income from a new source will be disregarded in the first month if no more than twenty-five dollars (\$25) will be received by the tenth (10th) calendar day after the date of the household's normal issuance date.

A migrant or seasonal farmworker's source of income is considered to be the grower for whom the migrant is working at a particular point in time, and not the crew chief. A migrant who moves from one grower to another is considered to have moved from a terminated to a new income source.

Supporting Documents

[Income Source for Destitute Household](#)

[SNAP Policy 24.10 Residency Requirements](#)

[SNAP Policy 24.16 Voluntary Quit](#)

[SNAP Policy 24.11 Work Requirements](#)

Definitions/Acronyms

| Term | Definition |
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| Migrant | A person who moves from place to place to get work, especially a farm laborer who harvests crops seasonally. |
| Destitute | Not having or lacking the basic needs of life, such as food, clothing and/or shelter. |
| Expedited | To make a process happen sooner and be accomplished more quickly. |
| SNAP | Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program |
| TDHS | Tennessee Department of Human Services |

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Application

All TDHS Employees and Contractors

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