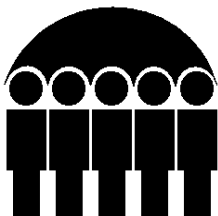


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OVERVIEW

To apply for Food Assistance, a household must file and complete an application, be interviewed, and verify certain information. This chapter covers the mechanics of the application process, emergency service, and processing standards. This chapter also provides information on authorized representatives, household reporting methods, and verification requirements.

FILING A FOOD ASSISTANCE APPLICATION

Legal reference: 7 CFR 273.2(a)-(c), 441 IAC 65.2(234)

Anyone can apply for assistance from the Department of Human Services (DHS.) The application process starts when a person files a valid application in a DHS local office. A valid application has a name, address, and signature.

Households can file an application at any DHS local office in Iowa. Households can apply either in person, through the mail, by fax, or electronically. Applications that are filed electronically or that are signed and then are faxed or are scanned and e-mailed do not have to be signed again.

Households can use the following forms to apply for Food Assistance:

- ◆ *Application for Food Assistance*, form 470-0306 or 470-0307 (Spanish)
- ◆ *Electronic Food Assistance Application*, form 470-4080 or 470-4080(S).
- ◆ *Health and Financial Support Application*, form 470-0462 or 470-0466 (Spanish)

Households shall use the *Health and Financial Support Application* when at least one household member is applying for or getting FIP, Refugee Cash Assistance, or a related Medicaid program.

Tell clients applying for FIP that the disadvantages and requirements of applying for cash assistance do not apply to Food Assistance. Also inform households that getting Food Assistance benefits has no bearing on any other program's time limits.

To continue getting Food Assistance when the current certification period is about to end, a household must complete form 470-2881, *Review/Recertification Eligibility Document* (RRED), within 30 days after the end of the certification period.

The following sections explain procedures for:

- ◆ [Handling a request for an application](#)
- ◆ [Determining the date of application](#)
- ◆ [Notifying and screening for emergency service](#)
- ◆ [Withdrawal of an application](#)

Handling a Request for an Application

Legal reference: 7 CFR 273.2(c)(3) and (5)

Make application forms readily accessible. Give an application to anyone who asks for one. Also give households form RC-0023 or RC-0023(S), *Things to Bring to Your Food Assistance Interview*, whenever a household applies for certification or recertification.

A household can request an application either in person or by telephone. If a household contacts the office by telephone and wants an application mailed, send an application to the household on the same day. If the request comes in writing, mail an application on the same day the request is received.

Encourage households to file an application form as soon as possible. If they can, households should apply on the same day they contact the Food Assistance office to ask about getting benefits.

Tell the household that it does **not** have to be interviewed before filing an application. Also tell the household that the application does not need to be completely filled out before it is filed, as long as the application contains the name, address and signature.

Date of Application

Legal reference: 7 CFR 273.2(c)(1) and (2)

A Food Assistance application must be date-stamped when a DHS local office receives it. The date-stamp establishes the application's "filing date." The filing date is the first date for which an applicant can receive Food Assistance benefits based on a valid application. See [FILING A FOOD ASSISTANCE APPLICATION](#) for what is a valid application. The application's filing date must be noted on form 470-0554, *Application Register*.

Applications delivered to an open DHS office must be date-stamped with the same date on which a valid application is delivered.

Applications delivered to a closed DHS office must be date-stamped with the date of the next DHS full-time office workday.

When an application is left at a less-than-full-time office while it is closed, date-stamp it as received on the first day that is not a weekend or state holiday following the date that office was last open.

County A has a less-than-full-time office that is open only on Mondays and Wednesdays. The office was last open Wednesday, April 24. When the office reopens on Monday, April 29, all applications left under the door between the close of business April 24 and opening of business April 29 must be date-stamped as received on April 25.

When an application is filed in an office other than the office where the case is assigned, the application must be date-stamped with the date the first DHS office receives it. The receiving office must send or fax the application to the correct office on the same day it is received and ensure that the correct office receives the application on the day it is forwarded.

An electronic application is considered delivered to a DHS office when it is received by DHS. All electronic applications received by DHS while full-time offices are open must be date-stamped with the same date on which the application is received. All electronic applications received by DHS while full-time offices are closed must be date-stamped with the date of the next DHS full-time office workday.

DHS receives an electronic application on Sunday. Monday is a state holiday. When DHS full-time offices open Tuesday, the application is date-stamped as received Tuesday.

If a household used the wrong Food Assistance application form to apply for benefits, the date that form is date-stamped is the filing date. The household still must complete the correct application form to get benefits.

Notifying and Screening for Emergency Service

Legal reference: 7 CFR 273.2(i)(2)

Policy:

Notify all applicant households about emergency service criteria. Screen all Food Assistance applications immediately upon receipt to determine if the household may be eligible for emergency service.

Procedure:

You may notify households using an application insert or using your appointment letter.

- ◆ If your office chooses to notify by application insert, include:
 - Comm. 84, *Information on Emergency Service*, with every English application, and
 - Comm. 84(S), *Informacion Sobre El Servicio De Emergencia*, with every Spanish application.
- ◆ If your office chooses to notify by appointment letter:
 - The appointment letter must have a section on the front with the following wording:

Emergency Appointment: ____yes ____no (See the attached information on emergency service.)

Check “yes” or “no” to tell the household whether it might be entitled to emergency service:

- You also must send the information about emergency service by:
 - Enclosing Comm. 84 or Comm. 84(S), or
 - Copying the Comm. 84 or Comm. 84(S) content on the back of the letter.

A receptionist, a volunteer, or any other employee shall screen to see if the household may be eligible for emergency services whenever:

- ◆ Someone comes into the office to apply, or

- ◆ One of the following applications is filed.
 - *Application for Food Assistance*, form 470-0306 or 470-0307 (Spanish)
 - *Electronic Food Assistance Application*, form 470-4080 or 470-4080(S)
 - *Health and Financial Support Application*, form 470-0462 or 470-0466 (Spanish),
 - *Review/Recertification Eligibility Document* (form 470-2881), if filed **after the end** of a certification period.

Use the criteria under [Determining Eligibility for Emergency Service](#) to make this determination.

Comment:

See [EMERGENCY SERVICE](#) for information on processing requirements for a household eligible for emergency service. Note that when you issue the interview appointment letter, you have only until the seventh calendar day after the application was filed to:

- ◆ Interview the household,
- ◆ Approve benefits, and
- ◆ Have an electronic benefit transfer card in the household's hands.

Withdrawal of Application

Legal reference: 7 CFR 273.2(c)(6)

Policy:

A household may voluntarily withdraw its application any time before eligibility is determined.

Procedure:

When a household withdraws an application:

1. Contact the household to confirm the withdrawal.
2. Document in the case file the contact and the reason for withdrawal, if the household gave a reason.
3. Tell the household it can reapply at any time. If the household wants the application form back, make a copy for the case file and give the original to the household.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

Legal reference: 7 CFR 273.2(n)

Policy:

A household may name an authorized representative:

- ◆ When it completes the application for Food Assistance, or
- ◆ At a later date.

See 7-A, [Authorized Representative](#).

INTERVIEWS

Legal reference: 7 CFR 273.2(e)(1) and (3), 273.12(a)(3), 273.21(g)

Policy:

All households must have an interview before being certified. Most households must have a face-to-face interview in a DHS office with an IM worker. A household may also be interviewed in its home. A home visit must be scheduled in advance with the household. **For exceptions,** see [Telephone Interviews](#) and [JOINT APPLICATION PROCESS FOR SSI HOUSEHOLDS](#).

Procedure:

If the household is not interviewed on the day the household files an application, schedule the interview the day the application is filed. Schedule all interviews so that eligible households can get Food Assistance within 30 days after they apply.

Comment:

The interview is an official and confidential discussion of household circumstances. The purpose of the interview is to obtain the details of the household's situation so eligibility can be determined.

The following sections explain:

- ◆ [Telephone interviews](#)
- ◆ [How to conduct interviews](#)
- ◆ [Voter registration procedures during the interview](#)
- ◆ [Failure to attend the interview](#)

Telephone Interviews

Legal reference: 7 CFR 273.2(e)(2)

Policy:

Conduct a telephone interview when a household has a situation that prevents the members from attending an office interview. The household may request the telephone interview or the worker may be aware of the need for it based on known circumstances.

Procedure:

Conduct a telephone interview when a situation prevents the household or authorized representative from coming to the office such as:

- ◆ Illness
- ◆ Being elderly or disabled
- ◆ Care of a household member
- ◆ Transportation problems
- ◆ Severe weather
- ◆ Work or training schedule
- ◆ Lack of necessary child care
- ◆ Any other good reason for a telephone interview

Normal verification requirements and certification periods apply. If the application is changed during the telephone interview, make the corrections on the application and mail a copy back to the household. Ask the household to sign the copy again to verify that the changes are correct and return it to you.

Document the reason for the telephone interview in the case record. If a household asks for a telephone interview and it is denied, document the reason in the case file.

Conducting an Interview

Legal reference: 7 CFR 273.2(e)(1), 273.21(c), 273.12(b)(1)

| **Policy:**

Conduct an interview even if the application shows that the household may be ineligible. The person interviewed can be the head of the household, the spouse, any responsible member of the household, or an authorized representative. Applicants may bring anyone they want to the interview.

| **Procedure:**

During the interview:

1. Review all information on the application.
2. Ask if there were any changes in household circumstances after the application date but before the interview.
3. Resolve any unclear, inconsistent, or incomplete information with the household.
4. Tell the household its rights and responsibilities, including the options available for filing complaints.
5. Explain electronic benefit transfer.
6. Explain how long it takes to process the application.
7. Give the client a copy of the pamphlet, Comm. 51, *Information Practices*, at time of application or interview and whenever clients request it.
8. Explain prospective budgeting.
9. Explain reporting requirements and give the household form 470-2960 or 470-2960(S), *Reporting Food Assistance Changes*, with the gross income limit that applies to the household filled in.

Comment:

Conduct an interview when a household appears to be ineligible because the household may have misunderstood a question or the situation may have changed since the time of application.

Voter Registration Procedures During the Interview

Legal reference: 721 IAC Chapter 23

Policy:

The Department is responsible for helping clients fill out *Voter Registration* forms and for mailing the forms to the county election office. *Voter Registration* forms are issued with all applications and RREDs issued from either central office or from a local office.

Procedure:

1. At each interview, ask if the client wants to register to vote.
2. If the client has not filled out the *Voter Registration* form before the interview, have the client complete the form at the interview.
 - ◆ If the client wants to register, offer to help the client complete the form. Be careful when helping the client that you do not influence the client's voter registration options in any way. Review the client's rights as listed on the form.
 - ◆ If the client chooses not to check yes or no, leave the section blank and consider the client has chosen not to register to vote.
 - ◆ If the client chooses not to sign the form, print the client's name and the date where indicated, and initial the form.
3. If the interview is done by telephone necessary and the form is not complete, ask the questions and send the form to the client for signature. No follow-up is necessary after the form has been mailed to the client.

4. If the form is completed:
 - ◆ Tear off the section giving voter registration information and give it to the client.
 - ◆ Keep the declination part of the form.
 - ◆ Follow your office procedures for submitting the form to the election office. (The actual voter registration occurs at the election office.)

Comment:

See 6-Appendix for a copy of the [Voter Registration](#) form and office procedure instructions regarding processing the forms.

Failure to Attend the Interview

Legal reference: 7 CFR 273.2(e)(3)

Policy:

If the household fails to attend the scheduled interview, notify the household that it missed its scheduled interview and that it is responsible for rescheduling.

Procedure:

If the household contacts you in the 30-day application-processing period, you must schedule a second interview.

If the household fails to appear for the scheduled interview and makes no contact to show an interest in pursuing the application, deny the application. Send a *Notice of Decision* on the thirtieth day following the date of application. When the thirtieth day falls on a weekend or holiday, make system entries on the next working day. See [Denying an Initial Application](#) for additional information.

HOUSEHOLD REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Legal reference: 7 CFR 273.12(a)(vii), 273.12(a)(viii), and 441 IAC 65.5(234)

Policy:

A household must report when its total gross household income exceeds the gross income limit for its household size. The household must report this by the 10th day of the next month.

Procedure:

At each interview, explain to the household how and when to report exceeding its gross income limit. Tell the household that it must report when it exceeds its gross income limit in a month, and that it must report this by the 10th day of the next month.

Explain this to the household every time you interview, at least once every 12 months.

Explaining this carefully, whether you interview by phone or in person will help avoid household caused errors.

When you conduct an interview:

1. First, go to the [Maximum Gross Monthly Income](#) chart in 7-F. **Note:** The amounts listed on this chart are the federally set income reporting thresholds for simplified reporting households. These amounts apply to all households, including categorically eligible, and those with elderly or disabled members.
2. Determine the household's size. Do not include ineligible members in the household size.
3. Find the gross income limit for the household's size.
4. Fill in the household's monthly gross income limit on the household's copy of *Reporting Food Assistance Changes* (form 470-2960 or 470-2960(S)).
5. Next, read the form, *Reporting Food Assistance Changes*, to the person you interview.
6. If interviewing in person, give the interviewee a copy of *Reporting Food Assistance Changes* to review as you go over it.

7. If interviewing by phone, read the entire form to the interviewee. You may send a blank copy of the form with the interview appointment letter so the household will have it to review with you.
8. Explain what “gross income” is. Do not assume that everyone understands the difference between take-home pay and gross income. Explain that “gross” means the amount before any deductions are taken out. Repeat this point each time you interview.
9. Tell the person you interview to keep the form, *Reporting Food Assistance Changes*, and to do the following at the end of each month:
 - ◆ Add up the gross income all household members received in the month. Make sure the household understands to include the income of the ineligible members, such as ineligible aliens.
 - ◆ If the household pays child support, subtract the amount it paid in the month from the household’s total gross income.
 - ◆ Compare the household’s total gross income for the month to the amount on the form.
 - ◆ If the household’s total gross income is over the amount on the form, report it by the 10th of next month.
10. Tell the person you interview that:
 - ◆ The household may report changes other than income if it wants to, and that action will be taken on all reports of changes.
 - ◆ There are consequences if the household does not report if it goes over the limit:
 - The household might have to repay benefits if they do not report as required.
 - Not reporting on purpose could result in disqualification for an intentional program violation.
 - Quality Control might review the case, to see if the household reported if it went over the gross income limit.
11. Give or mail the completed form to the household.

Pages 13 through 17 are reserved for future use.

VERIFICATION

Legal reference: 7 CFR 273.2(f)(4), (5), and (6)

Verification is third-party information or documentation that confirms the accuracy of statements on the application. There are four sources of verification:

- ◆ Documentary evidence
- ◆ Collateral contacts
- ◆ Home visits
- ◆ The state Income and Eligibility Verification System (IEVS)

Households must verify certain eligibility factors to get Food Assistance. More specific verification information and requirements are in [7-C](#), [7-D](#), [7-E](#), [7-F](#), and [7-G](#). The household has the primary responsibility to explain its situation and provide documentary evidence to support its statements on the application. The household must also resolve any questionable information.

Document everything that supports the decision about the household's eligibility and benefit level. Your documentation needs to contain enough detail so that anyone reading it can understand what was decided and why. Documentation helps to support a decision and may point out inconsistencies in information given by the household.

Accept any reasonable documentary evidence from the household. Information from another source may disagree with statements made by the household. Give the household ten days to resolve any discrepancy before determining eligibility or the benefit level.

When you request additional information from the household, document the date of the request, what information was requested, and the due date given to the household. You cannot cancel or deny a household for failure to provide information if the request is not documented in the case record.

Help the household get verification if the household asks for help. Do not deny or cancel the household when a person outside the household fails to provide information. For this policy, the following people are considered to be inside the household:

- ◆ An ineligible alien
- ◆ An ineligible student
- ◆ A SSI recipient in a cash-out state
- ◆ A person disqualified for intentional program violation
- ◆ A person disqualified for refusing to comply with a work requirement
- ◆ A person disqualified for failing to provide a social security number
- ◆ A person who is ineligible for failing to meet the work requirements for people aged 18 to 50
- ◆ A person who is a probation or parole violator, or a fleeing felon

The following sections explain:

- ◆ [Documentary evidence](#)
- ◆ [Collateral contacts](#)
- ◆ [Home visits](#)
- ◆ [IEVS](#)
- ◆ [Mandatory verification at application](#)

Documentary Evidence

Legal reference: 7 CFR 273.2(f)(4)

Documentary evidence is a written confirmation of a household's circumstances. Wage stubs, utility bills, and rent receipts are examples of documentary evidence. Do not limit the form of verification to any single type of document.

Use documentary evidence as the main source of verification for everything except residency and household size. Use a collateral contact for these two items if documentary evidence is not readily available.

Collateral Contacts

Legal reference: 7 CFR 273.2(f)(4)

A collateral contact is an oral confirmation of a household's circumstances by someone outside the household. Use collateral contacts in situations where documentary evidence is not available or when the evidence is not complete enough to decide eligibility or the amount of benefits. Make collateral contacts either in person or over the telephone.

Select a collateral contact if the household does not choose one or chooses one that is unacceptable. Examples of acceptable collateral contacts are employers, social service agencies, migrant service agencies, neighbors of the household, or anyone who can be expected to give accurate third-party verification.

When talking with collateral contacts, disclose only the information necessary to get the verification. Avoid disclosing that the household has applied for food stamps. Do not suggest that the household is suspected of doing anything wrong. See 7-A, [Confidentiality](#), for restrictions for disclosing household information.

Home Visits

Legal reference: 7 CFR 273.2(f)(4)

Use home visits as verification only when documentary evidence cannot be obtained, or when the evidence is not enough to make a determination of eligibility or benefit level. You must schedule the home visit in advance with the household.

State Income and Eligibility Verification System (IEVS)

Legal reference: 7 CFR 273.2(f)(9)(7), 441 IAC 65.51

Through the State Income and Eligibility Verification System, state and federal agencies exchange computerized information. DHS exchanges information with the Social Security Administration, the Internal Revenue Service, and the Iowa Department of Employment Services. SSI is verified through the State Data Exchange (SDX) or the Wire Third-Party Query System (WTPY). See 14-G, [EXCHANGE OF DATA WITH OTHER AGENCIES](#), for further information on IEVS.

IEVS Information Considered Verified

Legal reference: 7 CFR 273.2(f)(9)(7)

Social security benefits and unemployment insurance benefits are automatically verified when reported through IEVS. Further verification is not needed.

If other verified information about a person's Social Security, SSI, or unemployment benefits differs from IEVS data, resolve any discrepancy before eligibility or benefit levels are determined. When IEVS information does not affect eligibility or benefits, make a notation on the report and file it in the case record.

If you get IEVS information during the application process, use it to determine eligibility and benefits. Make a decision without IEVS information if waiting for it will cause you to go past the processing time limits.

IEVS Information Not Considered Verified

Legal reference: 7 CFR 273.2(f)(9)(7)

The following information is available through IEVS, but is **not** automatically verified and is not to be used to determine eligibility and benefits:

- ◆ Unearned and earned income information from the Internal Revenue Service.
- ◆ Wage and pension information from Social Security Administration, the Iowa Department of Workforce Development, and any source in IEVS that is questionable.

These are indicators of income. Request verification of this information if it might affect eligibility or benefits and is not already verified.

Mandatory Verification at Application

Legal reference: 7 CFR 273.2(f)(1) and (f)(8)(i)(A), 441 IAC 65.19(14), 65.22(1), 65.26(3)

Verify the following at application if not previously verified or if previously verified, but now questionable. (See 7-B, [Questionable Information](#).)

To verify:	Refer to:
Alien status	7-I, Alien Status Verification Requirements
Deductible expenses	7-E, Deduction Verification Requirements
Disability	7-B, Verifying Disability
Gross nonexempt income	7-E, INCOME VERIFICATION REQUIREMENTS
Identity	7-B, Verifying Identity
Residency	7-C, RESIDENCY
Social security number	7-C, Verifying a Social Security Number

The following sections give instructions on:

- ◆ [Verifying identity](#)
- ◆ [Verifying disability](#)
- ◆ [Questionable information](#)

Verifying Identity

Legal reference: 7 CFR 273.2(f)(1)(vii)

Verify the identity of the person applying for food stamps. When an authorized representative applies for the household, verify the identities of both the authorized representative and the head of the household.

If identity has previously been verified, verify it again only if it is questionable.

Accept any document that reasonably verifies identity. Some of the most common forms of identity verification include:

- ◆ Drivers license.
- ◆ Work or school ID.
- ◆ Social Security card.
- ◆ ID for health benefits.
- ◆ Voter registration card.
- ◆ Wage stubs.
- ◆ Birth certificate.
- ◆ Collateral contacts.

Verifying Disability

Legal reference: 7 CFR 273.2(f)(1)(viii)

Verify the disability of a household member. See 7-A, [Disabled Member](#), for requirements for a determination of disability.

Households can verify disability by providing proof that they get benefits:

- ◆ Under Titles I, II, X, XIV, or XVI of the Social Security Act.
- ◆ From a Railroad Retirement disability annuity from the Railroad Retirement Board and has been determined to qualify for Medicare.

- ◆ As interim assistance pending for receipt of SSI or disability-related Medicaid.
- ◆ From the Veterans Administration (VA) that shows the person is:
 - A veteran receiving disability benefits from a disability (service-connected or non-service-connected) that is total or paid at the total rate from the VA, or
 - A disabled surviving spouse or disabled child of a veteran entitled to compensation or pension benefits due to the death of the veteran.

Questionable Information

Legal reference: 7 CFR 273.2(f)(2)(i)

Verify all factors of eligibility that are questionable if they affect the household's eligibility and benefit level. Examples of questionable information are:

- ◆ Information on the application that differs from statements made by the applicant.
- ◆ Information that is inconsistent with other information on the application or previous applications.
- ◆ Information that is inconsistent with information received from other sources.

When deciding if information is questionable, look at each household's individual circumstances. Do not deny eligibility solely because information is questionable.

For example, if expenses exceed income, do not automatically deny an application. Give the household the opportunity to explain the situation. If the household cannot provide a reasonable explanation, ask for further verification of how the household is paying its bills. If the household does not provide the requested verification, deny or cancel assistance.

PROCESSING STANDARDS

Legal reference: 7 CFR 273.2(g)

Regulations require that applications be processed within a certain amount of time. Calculate this length of time from the date the household files an application. The first day of the processing period is the first calendar day after the date the application is filed.

The following sections describe the requirements for:

- ◆ [Approving an initial application](#)
- ◆ [Denying an initial application](#)
- ◆ [Dealing with delays in processing an application](#)

Approving an Initial Application

Legal reference: 7 CFR 273.2(g)(1), 274.2(b)(2)

All eligible households must get their Food Assistance benefits within 30 calendar days after the date they apply. Allow two days for mail delivery when determining what date you must make system entries in order for the household to get benefits within 30 calendar days. See [Delays in Processing](#) for exceptions.

Households eligible for emergency service have a shorter processing standard. See [EMERGENCY SERVICE](#). Households applying for recertification also have different processing time limits. See [7-G](#) for more information on these policies.

Issue form 470-0485, 470-0486, or 470-0486(S), *Notice of Decision*, when approving an application. The notice must:

- ◆ State the amount of the allotment for the month of application and the current month.
- ◆ Indicate the amount of the allotment for the rest of the certification period.
- ◆ State the beginning and ending dates of the certification period.
- ◆ Contain information on how benefits were calculated.
- ◆ Inform the household that the amount of Food Assistance will vary if changes are anticipated at the time of certification.

If a household is ineligible for the month of application but eligible for following months, the notice must explain why. The notice must give the same information if benefits are approved for the month of application but denied for the next month. The notice must also include an explanation of the household's appeal rights, the telephone number of the local office, and if possible, the name of the person to contact for more information.

The following sections explain how to:

- ◆ [Establish the length of the certification period](#)
- ◆ [Determine the effective date of benefits](#)

Establishing the Certification Period

Legal reference: 7 CFR 273.10(f), 441 IAC 65.5(3)

Policy:

Assign a certification period to all eligible households. Certification periods must always cover entire calendar months. Assign the longest certification possible based on the predictability of the household's circumstances.

Comment:

The length of the certification period depends on the households' circumstances. Use the following chart to assign the longest certification period possible, based on the type of household and the predictability of the household's circumstances.

Household type:	Certification length is:
All adult members are at least age 60 or disabled and have no earned income	12 months
All others	6 months ◆ Migrant farm worker households. Shorter certification periods may be assigned for: ◆ Households that appear to be ineligible in the near future.

A household can be certified for a shorter period if necessary to match the Food Assistance recertification with the FIP or FMAP related Medicaid review.

At initial application, the certification period begins with the first month the household is eligible. At recertification, the new certification period begins the month after the end of the previous certification.

A household cannot get benefits after its certification period expires unless it reapplies.

Effective Date of Benefits

Legal reference: 7 CFR 273.10(a), 273.2(h)

Prorate Food Assistance from the date of application, unless the household:

- ◆ Is already certified at the time of application. (See 7-C, [DUPLICATE ASSISTANCE](#).)
- ◆ Caused a delay in processing. (See [Delays in Processing](#).)
- ◆ Is a seasonal farm worker or migrant household that got benefits in the month before the month of application.

Some states issue benefits for a fiscal month instead of a calendar month. A fiscal month overlaps two calendar months. In these cases, consider the benefits to be received in the first calendar month that the fiscal month covers.

If the household moves from one of these states and applies for benefits in Iowa, find out when the household last got benefits from that state. If the Iowa application is received in the second of the two months, the effective date is the date of application.

1. Household A got benefits in Illinois for the period of May 15 to June 14. These benefits are intended for the month of May. Household A applies for Food Assistance in Iowa on June 5. If the household is eligible, prorate benefits for the month of June from June 5.
2. Same as Example 1, but instead of applying in June, Household A applies on May 25. Since the household already received benefits for the month of May, the application is effective June 1.

If a household is ineligible for the month of application but eligible for following months, the notice must explain why. The notice must give the same information if benefits are approved for the month of application but denied for the next month.

The notice must include an explanation of the household's appeal rights, the telephone number of the office, and if possible, the name of the person to contact for more information.

Denying an Initial Application

Legal reference: 7 CFR 273.10(g)(1)(ii) and (iii), 273.2(g)(2)

Issue a *Notice of Decision*, using form 470-0485, 470-0486, or 470-0486(S), after determining the household is ineligible. This notice must include:

- ◆ An explanation of the reason for the denial.
- ◆ The manual chapter and subheading supporting the denial.
- ◆ The rule or regulation reference supporting the denial.
- ◆ The household's right to request an appeal.
- ◆ The telephone number of the food stamp office that will accept collect calls.
- ◆ If possible, the name of the person to contact for more information.

If the household did not appear for a scheduled interview and did not contact the office to reschedule within 30 days of the date of application, deny the application. Make system entries for the denial on the thirtieth day following the date of application. If the thirtieth day falls on a weekend or holiday, deny the application by making system entries the next working day.

When additional information or verification is needed, notify the household in writing what they must provide and give them ten days to provide it. The ten-day period begins with the day after you issue the request. If the tenth day falls on a nonworking day or a legal holiday, extend the due date to the next working day for which there is regular mail service.

If the household fails to provide the missing verification by the due date, deny the application. You do not have to wait until the thirtieth day to deny an application for this reason.

Note: You must reopen the case if the household provides the missing verification within 60 days of the application date. Issue benefits from the date of the application if the household provides the verification within the first 30 days. If the household provides the verification during the second 30 days after application, issue benefits from the date the missing information is provided.

Delays in Processing

Legal reference: 7 CFR 273.2(h), 441 IAC 65.6(1), 65.6(2), 65.6(3)

A “delay in processing” occurs when:

- ◆ Eligibility cannot be determined within 30 days after the date of application.
- ◆ The household has not had the opportunity to participate within the 30-day processing period.

A delay in processing means there is a second 30-day time period to finish processing the application. How you determine eligibility depends on who caused the delay.

The following sections explain procedures for:

- ◆ [Issuing a notice of pending status](#)
- ◆ [Delays caused by the household](#)
- ◆ [Delays caused by the county office](#)
- ◆ [Delays beyond 60 days](#)

Notice of Pending Status

Legal reference: 7 CFR 273.10(g)(1)(iii)

When there is a delay in processing, send a notice of pending status on the thirtieth day following the date of application. If the thirtieth day falls on a weekend or holiday, make computer entries on the next working day.

When the household caused the delay in processing, use the pending notice code 111, that tells the household:

“Your Food Stamp Application is pending because you haven’t done everything that is needed that your worker told you to do. You won’t have to reapply if you do these things by _____.” (The system enters the sixtieth day after the date of the application in the blank.)

When the county office caused the delay in processing, use pending notice code 153, which tells the household:

“You have provided all requested information for your food stamp application. We are still working on that application.”

Delays Caused by the Household

Legal reference: 7 CFR 273.2(h)(2), 441 IAC 65.6(1)

A delay in processing is the fault of the household if the household failed to complete the application process but you took all required action. See [Delays Caused by the County Office](#) for required action the county office must take.

The delay is the fault of the household when a household fails to appear for its interview, asks for another interview, and the rescheduled interview:

- ◆ Is scheduled after the 20th day but by the 30th day following the date the application was filed, but the household either does not appear or does appear but does not bring verification and register members for work by the 30th day; or
- ◆ Is scheduled after the 30th day following the date the application was filed at the household's request.

If the household takes the required action after the thirtieth day but before the sixtieth day following the date of application and is found:

- ◆ Eligible, prorate benefits from the date that the household took the action. The household is not eligible for any benefits for the first 30-day period. For example, if the household applies on May 1 but does not give the necessary verification until June 15, prorate benefits from June 15.
- ◆ Ineligible, send a *Notice of Decision* denying the application.

If the household does not do what it is supposed to do by the sixtieth day, deny the application on the sixtieth day. If the sixtieth day falls on a weekend or holiday, make computer entries on the next working day. Do not send a second notice when a notice of pending status was sent.

Delays Caused by the County Office

Legal reference: 7 CFR 273.2(h)(3)

The delay is the fault of the county office if the required actions were not taken, such as:

- ◆ Offering the household help in filling out the application.
- ◆ Informing the household about work registration requirements if a member of the household did not agree to register and giving the household at least ten days to agree to register.

- ◆ Offering to help the household to obtain requested verification, if necessary.
- ◆ Allowing the household at least ten days from the request to provide missing verification.
- ◆ Rescheduling a requested second interview within 30 days following the application date if the household failed to appear for the interview.

If the household is found eligible, issue benefits back to the date of application.

If household is found ineligible, send a *Notice of Decision* even when a notice of pending status was sent.

Delays Beyond 60 Days

Legal reference: 7 CFR 273.2(h)(4), 441 IAC 65.6(2) and 65.5(3)

When you cannot determine eligibility within 60 days, decide who caused the delay for each 30-day period.

- ◆ If the household is at fault for the delays in both the first and second 30-day periods, deny the application. The household must file a new application if it wants food stamps. Do **not** send a *Notice of Decision* if the household was sent a notice of pending status.
- ◆ If the local office is at fault for the delays in both the first and second 30-day periods and eligibility cannot be determined, send a *Notice of Decision* to deny the application, even when a notice of pending status was sent. Tell the household to file a new application. Also inform the household that it may be entitled to lost benefits back to the date of initial application.
- ◆ If the local office is at fault for delays in both the first and second 30-day periods, and eligibility can be determined, process the application. If the household is eligible, approve benefits back to the date of application.

Determine the household's eligibility and benefits for the months following the 60-day period, until you reach a month of ineligibility or you cannot determine eligibility. Ask the household to file a new application when you reach a month for which you cannot determine eligibility or benefits.

- ◆ If the household is at fault for the delay in the first 30 days, and the local office is at fault for the delay in the second 30 days, process the application. If the household is ineligible, deny the application, and send a *Notice of Decision*, even if a notice of pending status was sent.

If the household is eligible, approve benefits back to the date the household did what it needed to do. Determine the household's eligibility and benefits for the months following the 60-day period until you reach a month for which you determine the household is ineligible, or you cannot determine eligibility.

Ask the household to file a new application when you reach a month for which you cannot determine eligibility or benefits.

- ◆ If the local office is at fault for the delay in completing the application process in the first 30 days, and the household is at fault for the delay in the second 30 days, deny the application. Send a *Notice of Decision* even if a notice of pending status was sent. The household must file a new application if it wants Food Assistance.

EMERGENCY SERVICE

Legal reference: 7 CFR 273.2(i)(2), 274.2(b)(3)

Determine the household's eligibility for emergency service at each initial application. Time limits for processing an application under emergency procedures are much shorter than those for households certified under normal processing. The household does **not** have the option to decline emergency service.

A household can get emergency service only when the household meets one of the emergency criteria in the first month of the certification period.

A household that is ineligible during the month of application can receive emergency service in the next month, as long as it meets emergency criteria in that month. A new application is not needed.

There is no limit to the number of times a household can be certified under emergency procedures. **Exception:** To be eligible for emergency service, a household that was canceled for not providing postponed verification must either:

- ◆ Have been certified under normal processing time frames, or
- ◆ Have provided the previously postponed verification. However, a household cannot be required to provide verification that is no longer needed.

The following sections explain:

- ◆ [Eligibility for emergency service](#)
- ◆ [Verification for emergency service application](#)
- ◆ [Determining emergency benefits](#)
- ◆ [Processing time frames for emergency service](#)
- ◆ [Issuing combined allotments with emergency service](#)
- ◆ [Issuing a certification notice](#)

Determining Eligibility for Emergency Service

Legal reference: 7 CFR 273.2(I)(1) and (3), 273.11(a), 274.2(b)(3)

A household is entitled to emergency service when it meets one of the following criteria:

- ◆ The household's liquid resources are \$100 or less, and the household's monthly gross income is less than \$150; **or**
- ◆ The household's monthly rent or mortgage plus utilities is more than its monthly gross income plus its liquid resources; **or**
- ◆ A migrant or seasonal farm worker household has liquid resources of \$100 or less and is destitute. (See 7-I, [Emergency Services](#), for destitution criteria.)

Use the applicable standard utility amount to determine eligibility for emergency service.

For self-employed households, use the monthly gross income amount after self-employment expenses to determine eligibility for emergency service. (See [7-I](#) for information on self-employment income and expenses.)

Verification for Emergency Service

Legal reference: 7 CFR 273.2(I)(4), 274.2(b)(3)

The identity of the person applying is the only mandatory verification needed before emergency benefits are issued. Use either a collateral contact or other documentary proof that is easily available as verification of the person's identity. You can postpone all other verification if necessary to meet emergency service time limits.

Take the client's word for all items other than identity when determining eligibility and benefits. Document in the case record if verification is postponed. Give the household a notice stating that the postponed verification must be completed within 30 days of the application, or eligibility will be terminated.

When verification of a household member's social security number is postponed, see 7-C, [Good Cause for Not Supplying a Social Security Number](#).

When postponed verification is completed within 30 days of the application date, mail benefits for the second or third month either:

- ◆ Within five working days from the date verification is completed, or
- ◆ When combined allotments are issued, by the first working day of the second calendar month or third calendar month, whichever is later.

If the household applies on or before the fifteenth of the month and does not complete the verification within 30 calendar days after the application date, cancel the case for the second month. Do not send a second notice.

If the household applies after the fifteenth of the month, receives combined allotments, but does not complete verification within 30 calendar days after the application date, cancel the case for the third month. Do not send a second notice.

Migrant households may have a longer time to provide out-of-state postponed verification. See 7-I, [MIGRANTS AND SEASONAL FARM WORKERS](#), for more information.

Determining Emergency Benefits

Legal reference: 7 CFR 273.2(f)(1)(i), 273.2(i)(1) and (2), 273.11(a), 274.2(b)(3)

Use all the verified information that's available to determine emergency assistance. Count all income and allow all expenses reported by the household even if verification is postponed. See 7-I, [MIGRANTS AND SEASONAL FARM WORKERS](#), for special policies on treating the income of migrant and seasonal farm workers.

You may later receive verification indicating that the client should have gotten fewer emergency benefits. If this happens, do not do a claim, as long as the initial decision was based on the best information available to both you and the client.

Emergency Service Processing Time Frames

Legal reference: 7 CFR 273.2(i)(3), (4), 274.2(b)(3), 441 IAC 65.2(234)

Households eligible for emergency service must receive benefits no later than the seventh calendar day after the application is filed. The emergency processing time limit begins the day after the date of application.

The G household applies for Food Assistance on Wednesday, October 12, and is eligible for emergency service. The Food Assistance allotment must be received no later than the seventh calendar day, which is Wednesday, October 19.

If a household is identified as eligible for emergency service and misses its scheduled interview, the Department must notify the household of its responsibility for rescheduling. If the household does not reschedule in time to meet the seven-day time frame, the household loses its entitlement to emergency service and the application is processed within the normal 30 days of the application date.

1. Mr. B applies for Food Assistance on Monday, May 15. An interview is scheduled for May 16. On May 16, Mr. B does not appear for the interview. On Monday, May 22 (day seven), Mr. B contacts the local office to reschedule his appointment. Mr. B has lost his entitlement to emergency service and will be processed under the normal processing standards if he appears for an interview before the 30th day.
2. Mr. C applies for Food Assistance on Monday, May 15, and an interview is scheduled for May 16. On May 16, Mr. C does not appear for the interview. On Wednesday, May 17, Mr. C contacts the office to reschedule his appointment. At this point, Mr. C has contacted the office in time to ensure that his emergency Food Assistance application can be processed timely. The local office must offer an interview for Wednesday or Thursday to allow sufficient time to get Mr. C's benefits to him by Monday, May 22.
3. Mr. D applies for Food Assistance on Monday, May 15, and an interview is scheduled for May 16. On May 16, Mr. D does not appear for the interview. On Thursday, May 18, Mr. C contacts the office to reschedule. The local office offers to interview in person or by phone that same afternoon in order to meet emergency service time limits. Mr. D says he is not available until Tuesday, May 23.

At this point, the local office has done everything possible to ensure timely processing. When Mr. D's interview is conducted on May 23 he has forfeited his right to emergency service and his application should be processed under the normal 30-day time frames.

If a household is not identified as eligible for emergency service when the application is filed, the seven days starts with the date of discovery. Document in the case record if the date of discovery is being used as the first day of the emergency processing time limit.

Ms. A files an application on Tuesday, May 9, listing \$800 monthly income from work and \$300 rent with no additional utility costs. The interview is scheduled for Wednesday, May 17. At the interview, Ms. A states that she has no income. The income listed on the application is her roommate's from whom she buys and prepares food separately.

Issue emergency Food Assistance. Document in the case file that May 17 is the date of discovery and the first day of the emergency processing time limit.

When a household is not entitled to emergency service, process the application according to the normal 30-day time limits.

When the seventh calendar day falls on a day there is no postal service, the household must receive Food Assistance benefits no later than the previous postal delivery day.

The M household files an application on the third Thursday in November. The household is eligible for emergency service. Because the seventh day falls on Thanksgiving, the Food Assistance allotment must be received by the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

When the interview is conducted by telephone, complete the application process within the emergency service time limits. See [Telephone Interviews](#).

If the interview is conducted by telephone, it may be necessary to mail the application to the household for signature if items were completed or revised during the interview. Do **not** include the mailing time in figuring the seven-day time limit. Mailing time includes the time between the day the application is mailed and the day the office gets it back.

The V household files an application on Monday, December 10 and is eligible for emergency service. A phone interview is conducted on Tuesday, December 11. Some items on the application are completed or revised during the interview. The worker mails the application to the household for signature immediately following the phone interview.

The application is returned on Monday, December 17. The Food Assistance allotment must be received by Saturday, December 22. The mailing time (December 12 through December 16) does not count in the seven-day time frame.

Allow two days for mail delivery of the EBT card when determining what date you must make system entries in order for the household to get benefits no later than the seventh calendar day after the application is filed.

Combined Allotments for Households Entitled to Emergency Service

Legal reference: 7 CFR 274.2(b)(3)

Issue both the initial month's prorated benefits and the next full month's benefits at the same time when a household:

- ◆ Files an initial application after the fifteenth of the month, **and**
- ◆ Is eligible for both the initial and following month.

Certification Notice

Legal reference: 7 CFR 273.2(i)(4)(iii)(B), 274.2(b)(3)

Give the household notice when it is approved for emergency Food Assistance. If verification is postponed, the notice must explain that the household will not receive benefits past the emergency issuance until it provides the required verification. The notice must also inform the household that if it does not provide the verification within 30 days from the date of application, the case will be canceled.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE HOUSEHOLDS

Legal reference: 7 CFR 273.2(j), 441 IAC 65.13(2)

Households can apply for Food Assistance at the same time they apply for public assistance.

Unless the household has indicated that it does not want Food Assistance, all public assistance applications must be processed as Food Assistance applications with the same timelines and procedures as other Food Assistance applicants. If it is unclear if a household that files a public assistance application wants to apply for Food Assistance, either contact the household or ask during the interview.

Use only Food Assistance policies to process the Food Assistance part of a public assistance application. If the public assistance portion of the application is denied, continue to process the Food Assistance part. A new application is not needed.

Single Interview

Legal reference: 7 CFR 273.2(j)(1), 441 IAC 65.13(3)

When a household applies for both public assistance and Food Assistance at the same time, hold one interview for all programs. Do **not** make the household see a different IM worker or attend separate interviews for each program. After the interview, separate workers can process the application for the different programs.

Inform households applying for FIP that time limits and other requirements specific to FIP to not apply to Food Assistance.

Verification Procedures and Timeliness

Legal reference: 7 CFR 273.2(j)(1)

Use Food Assistance verification procedures for eligibility factors that affect only Food Assistance. When eligibility factors affect both public assistance and Food Assistance, you can use the same verification as used for other public assistance. However, if verification is requested you must give the household ten days to provide it.

If there is enough verification at the end of 30 days to process Food Assistance but not enough to process public assistance, proceed with determining Food Assistance eligibility. Do not delay a decision solely to wait for the public assistance information. Food Assistance time limits still apply to the Food Assistance part of the application.

JOINT APPLICATION PROCESS FOR SSI HOUSEHOLDS

Legal reference: 7 CFR 273.2(k)(1)(i) and (iii), 441 IAC 65.13(1)

If **all** members of a household receive SSI, that household can choose to apply for Food Assistance at either the DHS local office, or at the Social Security Administration (SSA) office. A household can apply at the SSA office only if:

- ◆ It is **not** participating in the Food Assistance program,
- ◆ It has **not** applied for Food Assistance in the previous 30 days, and
- ◆ It does **not** have a Food Assistance application pending.

If the household chooses to apply at the DHS office, get necessary verification from the household, SDX, or BENDEX. Follow the same application procedures, including verification requirements, as for any other household.

If the household chooses to apply at the SSA office, SSA will forward the application to the DHS office in the county where the applicant lives. If the household lives in a county with a less-than-full-time office, the SSA will forward the application to the appropriate full-time office. In either case, SSA will send the application within one working day after receipt.

After receiving the application from SSA:

- ◆ Determine eligibility and issue Food Assistance to eligible SSI households within 30 days after the date the application is filed at SSA. If the household is eligible for emergency processing, the emergency time limits begin the day the DHS office gets the Food Assistance application.
- ◆ Determine eligibility and benefits based on information provided by SSA or by the household.
- ◆ Make a determination based on Food Assistance criteria.
- ◆ Certify the household according to the requirements of the Food Assistance program.

The following sections explain:

- ◆ [Applications for people being released from public institutions](#)
- ◆ [Limits on additional interviews](#)
- ◆ [Emergency service screening](#)
- ◆ [Denial of an SSI application](#)
- ◆ [Case maintenance](#)
- ◆ [Recertification](#)

Release Applications for Residents of Public Institutions

Legal reference: 7 CFR 273.1(e)(2)

Residents of public institutions can apply for SSI and Food Assistance before being released. The Social Security Administration will forward these applications to the appropriate DHS office and notify the office when the applicant is released. The application is considered filed on the date the applicant is released.

After receiving the application from SSA:

- ◆ Keep the application pended until the applicant is released from the institution.
- ◆ Get information about the client's circumstances from the SSA, the institution, or the client.

Process the application within the normal processing time limits. For households eligible for emergency processing, the seven-day time limit begins the day the applicant is released from the institution.

Consider these applicants categorically eligible only when they are approved for SSI and the applicant is released from the institution. If the SSA does not timely notify you of the date the client was released, restore benefits back to that date.

No Additional Interview

Legal reference: 7 CFR 273.2(k)(1)(i)

Households that file an application for Food Assistance through a Social Security Administration office are not required to attend an additional interview through DHS. Do not contact the household further to get information for Food Assistance certification unless:

- ◆ The application is incomplete, or
- ◆ Mandatory verification is missing, or
- ◆ Information on the application is questionable.

Contacting the household for these reasons is not considered a second Food Assistance certification interview.

When SSA takes an SSI application or redetermination over the telephone from a member of an SSI-only household, SSA also completes a Food Assistance application and interview. The household is not required to go through a DHS interview. Do not ask the household for further information, except as outlined above.

Emergency Service Screening

Legal reference: 7 CFR 273.2(k)(1)(i)

The Social Security Administration must screen all applications for possible emergency service on the day it gets the application. SSA will mark “Emergency Processing” on the first page of all applications that appear to be entitled to it.

Screen all applications from the SSA for possible emergency service. Do this on the day the application arrives at the local office.

The SSA tells these households that they may get benefits a few days sooner if they apply directly at the DHS office. The household can take the application from SSA to the DHS office for screening, an interview, and processing.

The seven-day processing time limit begins with the date the local office gets the signed application. However, if the applicant files an SSI and Food Assistance application before being released from a public institution, the seven days begin with the date of release.

Denial of SSI Application

Legal reference: 7 CFR 273.2(k)(1)(iii)

When Food Assistance eligibility or benefits may be affected because the SSI part of the joint application was denied, send the household a *Notice of Expiration*. In the notice, advise the household that:

- ◆ The certification period will expire at the end of the month after the month the notice is sent;
- ◆ The household must reapply if it wants to continue receiving Food Assistance, and
- ◆ The household may be able to have an out-of-office interview.

Case Maintenance

Legal reference: 7 CFR 273.2(k)(1)(iii), and (2)

Households must report changes in circumstances to the DHS local office. See [7-G](#) reference for policies and procedures regarding changes. Monitor the results of the SSI determination through SDX and BENDEX. Take any required action within ten days after learning of the SSI determination. You will get the information from either SDX, the household, the SSA, or from another source.

Restore benefits to the household whenever the local office or the Social Security Administration made an error in joint processing that caused the household to get less Food Assistance benefits than it should have gotten. See [7-H](#) for more information on restoring lost benefits.

Recertification

Households containing only SSI applicants or recipients can apply for Food Assistance recertification at a Social Security Administration office. Consider the application filed for normal processing purposes when the SSA receives a signed application.

SSA forwards the completed application, transmittal form, and any available verification to the designated local office. When SSA accepts and refers the application, do **not** require the household to appear at a DHS office interview. You can have a non-face-to-face interview if necessary.

Ask the household for additional information only if the application is not completed, mandatory verification is missing, or information is questionable.

Approve or deny a timely application for recertification according to Food Assistance policies.



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GENERAL LETTER NO. 7-B-48

ISSUED BY: Bureau of Food Stamps, Division of Economic Assistance

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 7, Chapter B, "Application Processing," Title page, revised; Contents, page 1, revised; and pages 1-41, revised.

Summary

The existing chapter, 7-B, "Application Processing" has been reorganized and rewritten to incorporate the Department's updated manual format and writing style.

Instructions are included to deny an application when a household fails to provide requested verification within ten days of the request for verification. If verification is received after the denial, reopen the case and provide benefits from the date of the application if the verification is received within the initial 30-day application period or from the date the missing information was provided if verification is received in the second 30 days of the processing period.

The policy content of the chapter remains the same except for the change explained in the preceding paragraph.

See the attached comparison chart that lists the sections and subsections of the current 7-B and where these sections and subsections are located in the revised chapter.

Effective Date

July 1, 1995

Material Superseded

Remove all existing pages from the Employee's Manual, Title 7, Chapter B, and destroy them.

Obsolete the following interpretative memos:

- EA-VII-90-16, “Regaining Eligibility after Noncooperation with Food Stamp Investigations or Quality Control”
- EA-VII-91-6, “Front-End Complaint Referrals”
- EA-VII-88-7, “Expedited Services”
- EA-VII-90-9, “Postponed Verification on an Expedited Case”

Additional Information

Refer questions about this general letter to your regional benefit payment administrator.

7-B COMPARISON CHART

<i>Current Section or Subsection Title</i>	<i>New Chapter</i>	<i>New Section</i>	<i>New Subsection</i>
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Filed Application	B	Filing a Food Stamp Application	Date of Application
Notice of Required Verification	B	Filing a Food Stamp Application	Handling a Request for an Application
Withdrawing the Application	B	Withdrawal of Application	
Interview	B	Interviews	Conducting an Interview
Waiver of Office Interview	B	Interviews	Waiving a Face-to-Face Interview
Scheduling the Interview	B	Interviews	
Household Cooperation	C	Cooperation	
Failure to Cooperate With Quality Control	C	Cooperation	Cooperation With Quality Control
Verification	B	Verification	
Responsibility for Obtaining Verification	B	Verification	
Sources of Verification	B	Verification	
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State Income and Eligibility Verification System	B	Verification	State Income and Eligibility Verification System
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<i>Current Section or Subsection Title</i>	<i>New Chapter</i>	<i>New Section</i>	<i>New Subsection</i>
Expedited Service Households	B	Expedited Service	
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Front-End Investigation	C	Cooperation	Cooperation with Front-End Investigations
Investigation Procedures	C		
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Authorized Representative	B	Authorized Representative	
Applying for Benefits	B	Authorized Representative	
Filing Monthly Reports	B	Authorized Representative	
Obtaining the Coupons	B	Authorized Representative	
Using the Coupons	B	Authorized Representative	
Only Adult as HH member	B	Authorized Representative	Nonhousehold Member as Authorized Representative
Authorized Representative Restrictions	B	Authorized Representative	Disqualifying an Authorized Representative
Identification Card	A	Client Use of Benefits	The Food Stamp Identification Card



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SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 7, Chapter B, "Application Processing," correction.

Summary

General Letter No. 7-B-48, dated June 13, 1995, stated that the existing Chapter VII-B, "Application Processing," was to be superseded by the rewritten, Chapter 7-B, "Application Processing," effective July 1, 1995. The effective date has been delayed.

The date that the rewritten chapter, dated June 13, 1995, is to become effective and supersede the existing chapter has been changed to August 1, 1995.

Effective Date

July 1, 1995

Material Superseded

None.

Additional Information

Refer questions about this general letter to your regional benefit payment administrator.



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SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 6, Chapter B, *Application Processing*, Title page, revised; Contents (pages 1 and 2), revised; pages 1 through 41, revised

Summary

This chapter is revised to remove welfare reform policies.

This manual letter also transmits changes for implementation of the X-PERT system. The changes include new application forms and process for households selected for the X-PERT system, and information relating to conversion of ongoing cases. The X-PERT system will be implemented in phases until statewide conversion of FIP, food stamp and Medicaid cases is completed.

In the manual rewrite, the wording for the back of the appointment letter for households who have been identified as being potentially eligible for expedited service was inadvertently left out of the manual. This revision adds the English and Spanish wording back to this chapter.

The chart "HOUSEHOLD REPORTING AND BUDGETING METHODS" has been removed and the policy revised into paragraphs.

This letter also incorporates the policies that were implemented by Manual Letter No. 7-B-2.

Effective Date

July 1, 1998

Material Superseded

Remove the entire Employees' Manual, Title 7, Chapter B, and destroy it. This includes:

<u>Page</u>	<u>Date</u>
Title page	June 13, 1995
Manual Letter No. 7-B-2	September 24, 1996
Manual Letter No. 7-B-3	Jun 17, 1997
Contents (pages 1-3)	June 13, 1995
1-41	June 13, 1995

Additional Information

Refer questions about this general letter to your regional benefit payment administrator.



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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
JESSIE K. RASMUSSEN, DIRECTOR

March 7, 2000

GENERAL LETTER NO. 7-B-51

ISSUED BY: Bureau of Food Stamps, Division of Economic Assistance

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 7, Chapter B, *Application Processing*, pages 15, 32, and 34, revised.

Summary

This chapter revision changes the policy when determining eligibility for expedited service. Allow only the applicable utility standard to determine if the household's monthly rent or mortgage plus utilities total more than its monthly gross income plus liquid resources.

Effective Date

May 1, 2000

Material Superseded

Remove the following pages from Employees' Manual, Title 7, Chapter B, and destroy them:

<u>Page</u>	<u>Date</u>
15, 32, 34	May 12, 1998

Additional Information

The change in page 15 corrects an error. It is effective immediately.

Refer questions about this general letter to your regional benefit payment administrator.



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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
JESSIE K. RASMUSSEN, DIRECTOR

August 1, 2000

GENERAL LETTER NO. 7-B-52

ISSUED BY: Bureau of Food Stamp Policy, Division of Economic Assistance

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 7, Chapter B, *Application Processing*, Contents (pages 1 and 2), revised; and pages 1 through 4, 27, 29, and 30, revised.

Summary

This chapter is revised to clarify the ten-day period for providing information or verification at application. Field staff requested this change. Page 27 is revised to add language explaining when the ten-day period begins and ends.

Obsolete instructions regarding X-PERT are removed. Form numbers are updated.

Pages 29 and 30 are revised to move misplaced language from page 29 to page 30.

Effective Date

Upon receipt.

Material Superseded

Remove the following pages from Employees' Manual, Title 7, Chapter B, and destroy them:

<u>Page</u>	<u>Date</u>
Contents (pp. 1 and 2)	May 12, 1998
1-4, 27, 29, 30	May 12, 1998

Additional Information

Refer questions about this general letter to your regional benefit payment administrator.



May 8, 2001

GENERAL LETTER NO. 7-B-53

ISSUED BY: Bureau of Food Stamps, Division of Economic Assistance

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 7, Chapter B, APPLICATION PROCESSING, Contents (page 2), revised; pages 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 20, 21, 22, 25, 31, 36, 37, and 38, revised.

Summary

Revisions are made to:

- ◆ Add clarification on page 8 on the ability of an authorized representative to complete the monthly report or change report for the household.
◆ Add clarification on page 20 regarding information that can be disclosed when making a collateral contact.
◆ Add clarification on page 25 on establishing certification periods.
◆ Remove the policy for expedited service at recertification on pages 31 and 36.
◆ Update legal references.

Effective Date

June 1, 2001

These policies are effective for applications filed on or after June 1, 2001. Apply the revised policy to ongoing cases no later than the next recertification.

Material Superseded

Remove the following pages from Employees' Manual, Title 7, Chapter B, and destroy them:

Table with 2 columns: Page, Date. Rows include Contents (page 2), 1-3, and 8-10, 20-22, 25, 31, 36-38 with corresponding dates from August 1, 2000 to May 12, 1998.

Additional Information

Refer questions about this general letter to your regional benefit payment administrator.



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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
JESSIE K. RASMUSSEN, DIRECTOR

February 26, 2002

GENERAL LETTER NO. 7-B-54

ISSUED BY: Bureau of Financial and Work Supports
Division of Financial, Health, and Work Supports

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 7, Chapter B, **APPLICATION PROCESSING**,
Contents (page 1), revised; pages 1 through 4, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 27, and 37,
revised; and page 12a, new.

Summary

This chapter is revised to:

- ◆ Instruct workers to advise clients that the disadvantages and requirements of applying for cash assistance do not apply to food stamps and that getting food stamps has no bearing on other programs' time limits.
- ◆ Include the 30 days following the expiration of a household's certification period for the household to complete the *Review/Recertification Eligibility Document (RRED)*.
- ◆ Require local offices to forward an application to the correct office the same day or next day after received, so as to reach that correct office on the same day it is forwarded.
- ◆ Instruct local office staff to schedule an interview with a food stamp applicant household the same day the application is filed if the household cannot be interviewed that same day.
- ◆ Provide additional clarification regarding the waiver of the face-to-face interview in favor of a telephone interview.
- ◆ Add a requirement for a "notice of missed interview" when a household fails to attend a scheduled interview.
- ◆ Correct form numbers.
- ◆ Remove a cross-reference from page 17.

Effective Date

These policies are effective for applications and recertifications filed on or after March 11, 2002.

Material Superseded

Remove the following pages from Employees' Manual, Title 7, Chapter B, and destroy them:

<u>Page</u>	<u>Date</u>
Contents (page 1)	August 1, 2000
1-4	May 8, 2001
11-14, 17, 18	May 12, 1998
27	August 1, 2000
37	May 8, 2001

Additional Information

Refer questions about this general letter to your service area manager or designee.



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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
JESSIE K. RASMUSSEN, DIRECTOR

April 2, 2002

GENERAL LETTER NO. 7-B-55

ISSUED BY: Bureau of Financial and Work Support,
Division of Financial, Health, and Work Supports

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 7, Chapter B, *APPLICATION PROCESSING*,
pages 5, 6, 7, 34, 35, 39, and 40, revised.

Summary

This chapter is revised to:

- ◆ Change the number of days for a household to receive expedited food stamps from five days to seven days.
- ◆ Change how the household receives expedited food stamps. Expedited food stamps are mailed from central office.

Effective Date

May 1, 2002

Material Superseded

Remove the following pages from Employees' Manual, Title 7, Chapter B, and destroy them:

<u>Page</u>	<u>Date</u>
5-7	May 12, 1998
34	March 7, 2000
35, 39, 40	May 12, 1998

Additional Information

Refer questions about this general letter to your area income maintenance supervisor 2.



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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
JESSIE K. RASMUSSEN, DIRECTOR

September 17, 2002

GENERAL LETTER NO. 7-B-56

ISSUED BY: Bureau of Financial and Work Supports,
Division of Financial, Health, and Work Supports

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 7, Chapter B, **APPLICATION PROCESSING**,
Contents (pages 1 and 2), revised; and pages 1 through 4, 9, 23, 24, 32, and 33,
revised.

Summary

This chapter is revised to:

- ◆ Change where an application can be filed. An application can be filed in any DHS food stamp office in Iowa.
- ◆ Remove the requirement for resigning faxed applications. Applications that are signed and then faxed or scanned and then e-mailed to a DHS food stamp office do not have to be resigned.
- ◆ Remove the policy on applications filed in another administrative area.
- ◆ Clarify that the date of application for applications received or left at a less-than-full-time office when that office is closed is the next day that is not a weekend or state holiday, regardless of whether that particular office is open on that day.
- ◆ Change the requirement for an interview for expedited service. An interview can be postponed if necessary to meet expedited timeframes. The interview must be completed before issuance continues.

Effective Date

October 1, 2002

Material Superseded

Remove the following pages from Employees' Manual, Title 7, Chapter B, and destroy them:

<u>Page</u>	<u>Date</u>
Contents (page 1)	February 26, 2002
Contents (page 2)	May 8, 2001
1-4	February 26, 2002
9	May 8, 2001
23, 24	May 12, 1998
32	March 7, 2000
33	May 12, 1998

Additional Information

Refer questions about this general letter to your area income maintenance supervisor 2.



STATE OF IOWA

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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
KEVIN W. CONCANNON, DIRECTOR

June 3, 2003

GENERAL LETTER NO. 7-B-57

ISSUED BY: Bureau of Financial Support,
Division of Financial, Health and Work Supports

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 7, Chapter B, *APPLICATION PROCESSING*,
pages 5, 6, 7, and 8, revised.

Summary

This chapter is revised to change the wording used to notify households that they might be entitled to expedited service. The revised wording includes information about electronic benefit transfer (EBT). County offices that use an appointment letter to notify households about expedited service must revise their letter to reflect this change in wording.

Effective Date

Upon receipt.

Material Superseded

Remove the following pages from Employees' Manual, Title 7, Chapter B, and destroy them:

<u>Page</u>	<u>Date</u>
5-7	April 2, 2002
8	May 8, 2001

Additional Information

Refer questions about this general letter to your area income maintenance supervisor 2.



November 25, 2003

GENERAL LETTER NO. 7-B-58

ISSUED BY: Bureau of Financial Support Programs,
Division of Financial, Health and Work Supports

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 7, Chapter B, *APPLICATION PROCESSING*,
Contents (page 1), revised; and pages 1 through 8, 13 through 18, 25, 26, and 31
through 34, revised.

Summary

This chapter is revised to:

- ◆ Remove policy related to monthly reporting and retrospective budgeting.
- ◆ Add policy for simplified reporting.
- ◆ Change language for information on expedited service to reflect that benefits are issued by electronic benefit transfer (EBT).
- ◆ For pages that are changed, remove references to "food stamps" because the program name has been changed.

Effective Date

December 1, 2003

Material Superseded

Remove the following pages from Employees' Manual, Title 7, Chapter B, and destroy them:

<u>Page</u>	<u>Date</u>
Contents (page 1)	September 17, 2002
1-4	September 17, 2002
5-8	June 3, 2003
12a, 13, 14	February 26, 2002
15	March 7, 2000
16	May 12, 1998
17, 18	February 26, 2002
25	May 8, 2001
26	May 12, 1998

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32, 33
34

May 8, 2001
September 17, 2002
April 2, 2002

Additional Information

If you are processing an application in December or later and you started the household on monthly reporting by issuing a PAER at the time of the interview in November, then the November PAER is the only one that household must complete.

If you are processing an application in December or later and you did not start the household on monthly reporting at the time of the interview, do not require the household to complete any PAER.

For applications processed in December or later that are subject to simplified reporting, you must explain simplified reporting and give the household form 470-2960, *Changes: How and When to Tell Us*, with the number representing 130% of poverty level for the household circled.

ABC Changes for December 1, 2003

The TD02 FS MR code for Food Assistance will allow entry of the following values:

S Simplified reporting
N Change reporting.

An on-line edit message will be generated when any other entry is made in this field for Food Assistance.

The TD02 screen will have a new field with the title FAIR DATE, which is set by ABC when a MR code of 'S' is entered. ABC may set this date to zeros if appropriate.

Refer questions about this general letter to your area income maintenance supervisor 2.



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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
KEVIN W. CONCANNON, DIRECTOR

February 17, 2004

GENERAL LETTER NO. 7-B-59

ISSUED BY: Bureau of Financial Support Programs,
Division of Financial, Health and Work Supports

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 7, Chapter B, *APPLICATION PROCESSING*,
Contents (page 1), revised, and pages 15 and 16, revised.

Summary

This chapter is revised to clarify what households are subject to change reporting.

Effective Date

Upon receipt.

Material Superseded

Remove the following pages from Employees' Manual, Title 7, Chapter B, and destroy them:

<u>Page</u>	<u>Date</u>
Contents (page 1)	November 25, 2003
15, 16	November 25, 2003

Additional Information

Refer questions about this general letter to your area income maintenance supervisor 2.



December 24, 2004

GENERAL LETTER NO. 7-B-60

ISSUED BY: Bureau of Financial and Work Support
Division of Financial, Health and Work Supports

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 7, Chapter B, APPLICATION PROCESSING,
Contents (pages 1 and 2), revised; and pages 1 through 12, 24, and 31 through
41, revised.

Summary

Authorized representative policies have been removed. These policies are revised to fit
electronic benefit transfer and now are found in Chapter A, ADMINISTRATION.

References on the revised pages have been changed to reflect current terminology as follows:

- From "expedited" processing to "emergency" processing.
From "food stamps" to "Food Assistance."
From old form titles to current form titles.

Effective Date

Upon receipt.

Material Superseded

Remove the following pages from Employees' Manual, Title 7, Chapter B, and destroy them:

Table with 2 columns: Page and Date. Lists specific pages to be removed and their superseding dates.

36	May 8, 2001
37	February 26, 2002
38	May 8, 2001
39, 40	April 2, 2002
41	May 12, 1998

Additional Information

Refer questions about this general letter to your area income maintenance supervisor 2.



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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
KEVIN W. CONCANNON, DIRECTOR

June 9, 2006

GENERAL LETTER NO. 7-B-61

ISSUED BY: Bureau of Financial and Work Supports,
Division of Financial, Health and Work Supports

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 7, Chapter B, *APPLICATION PROCESSING*,
Contents (pages 1 and 2), revised, pages 7, 8, and 33 through 41, revised; and
page 42, new.

Summary

This chapter is revised to:

- ◆ Give additional information regarding telephone interviews.
- ◆ Remove language regarding postponement of the application interview in order to meet emergency service time limits. USDA no longer allows the option to approve emergency Food Assistance prior to conducting an interview.

Effective Date

July 1, 2006

Material Superseded

Remove the following pages from Employees' Manual, Title 7, Chapter B and destroy them:

<u>Page</u>	<u>Date</u>
Contents (pages 1 and 2)	December 24, 2004
7, 8, 33-41	December 24, 2004

Additional Information

Refer questions about this general letter to your income maintenance administrator.



STATE OF IOWA

CHESTER J. CULVER, GOVERNOR
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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
KEVIN W. CONCANNON, DIRECTOR

February 16, 2007

GENERAL LETTER NO. 7-B-62

ISSUED BY: Bureau of Financial and Work Supports,
Division of Financial, Health and Work Supports

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 7, Chapter B, *APPLICATION PROCESSING*,
Contents (page 1), revised; and pages 1 through 6, 9, 11 through 17, and 32,
revised.

Summary

This chapter is revised to:

- ◆ Clarify which households are change reporting households.
 - A clarification is added that a household with self-employment net earnings of \$0 is considered to have countable earned income.
 - Households with a member aged 18 to 49 who is not exempt from ABAWD work requirements are subject to change reporting.
 - Examples illustrating the clarifications have been added.
- ◆ Revise the section, "Responsibilities of Simplified Reporting Households," to simplify the language.
- ◆ Correct some form names and language to reflect the current versions.

Effective Date

Upon receipt.

Material Superseded

Remove the following pages from Employees' Manual, Title 7, Chapter B, and destroy them:

<u>Page</u>	<u>Date</u>
Contents (page 1)	June 9, 2006
1-6, 9, 11-14	December 24, 2004
15, 16	February 17, 2004
17	November 25, 2003
32	December 24, 2004

Additional Information

Refer questions about this general letter to your area income maintenance administrator.



STATE OF IOWA

CHESTER J. CULVER, GOVERNOR
PATTY JUDGE, LT. GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
KEVIN W. CONCANNON, DIRECTOR

April 27, 2007

GENERAL LETTER NO. 7-B-63

ISSUED BY: Bureau of Financial and Work Supports,
Division of Financial, Health and Work Supports

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 7, Chapter B, *APPLICATION PROCESSING*,
pages 1 through 3, revised; and page 2a, new.

Summary

This chapter is revised to:

- ◆ Add reference to the *Electronic Food Assistance Application*, form 470-4080 and Spanish form 470-4080(S), as another method and form that a household can use to apply for Food Assistance benefits.
- ◆ Add language to specify the filing date of an *Electronic Food Assistance Application*.

Effective Date

May 1, 2007.

Material Superseded

Remove the following pages from Employees' Manual, Title 7, Chapter B, and destroy them:

<u>Page</u>	<u>Date</u>
1-3	February 16, 2007

Additional Information

Refer questions about this general letter to your income maintenance administrator.



January 30, 2009

GENERAL LETTER NO. 7-B-64

ISSUED BY: Bureau of Financial and Work Supports,
Division of Financial, Health and Work Supports

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 7, Chapter B, **APPLICATION PROCESSING**,
Contents (pages 1 and 2), revised; and pages 9 through 12, 17, and 25, revised.

Summary

This chapter is revised to:

- ◆ Remove references to the *Food Assistance Interim Report (FAIR)*.
- ◆ Remove references to change reporting.
- ◆ Change the name of some forms to match current versions.
- ◆ Change the length of certification periods for some households.

Effective Date

February 1, 2009

Material Superseded

Remove the following pages from Employees' Manual, Title 7, Chapter B, and destroy them:

<u>Page</u>	<u>Date</u>
Contents (page 1)	February 16, 2007
Contents (page 2)	June 9, 2006
9	February 16, 2007
10	December 24, 2004
11-14, 17	February 16, 2007
25	November 25, 2003

Additional Information

Refer questions about this general letter to your area income maintenance administrator.



April 17, 2009

GENERAL LETTER NO. 7-B-65

ISSUED BY: Bureau of Financial and Work Supports,
Division of Financial, Health and Work Supports

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 7, Chapter B, APPLICATION PROCESSING,
Contents (page 1), revised; pages 3 through 12 and 25, revised.

Summary

Chapter 7-B is revised to:

- Remove the requirement to print emergency services information on the back of the Food Assistance interview appointment letter.
Remove references to able-bodied adults without children (ABAWDs).
Remove the reference to Comm. 207, The Food Assistance Program through Electronic Benefits Transfer--EBT, or the Spanish version, Comm. 207(S).

Effective Date

April 1, 2009

Remove the following pages from Employees' Manual, Title 7, Chapter B, and destroy them:

Table with 2 columns: Page, Date. Rows include Contents (page 1), 2a, 3, 4-6, 7, 8, 9-12, 25 with corresponding dates from 2006 to 2009.

Also remove from the file and destroy:

- ◆ Circular Letter 56Z-420-FHWS, dated January 6, 2004, and
- ◆ Circular Letter 56Z-421-FHWS, dated January 6, 2004.

Destroy any remaining supplies of Comm. 207, dated 11/03, and Comm. 207(S), dated 9/03.

Additional Information

Refer questions about this general letter to your area income maintenance administrator.



April 17, 2009

GENERAL LETTER NO. 7-B-65

ISSUED BY: Bureau of Financial and Work Supports,
Division of Financial, Health and Work Supports

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 7, Chapter B, APPLICATION PROCESSING,
Contents (page 1), revised; pages 3 through 12 and 25, revised.

Summary

Chapter 7-B is revised to:

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Remove references to able-bodied adults without children (ABAWDs).
Remove the reference to Comm. 207, The Food Assistance Program through Electronic Benefits Transfer--EBT, or the Spanish version, Comm. 207(S).

Effective Date

April 1, 2009

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Additional Information

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