C Participant Statement

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A participant statement is the participant's account of a particular situation.

A statement from a participant in the budgetary unit may be used as verification ONLY when ALL of the following apply:

- All attempts to verify <u>eligibility factors</u> have been unsuccessful.
- <u>Documented verification</u> or <u>collateral contact</u> verification IS NOT available.
- No other source of verification is available.
- Information was requested, the ten calendar day request deadline has passed and the participant's statement IS NOT questionable. (See <u>Requesting Verification</u> and <u>Verification</u> <u>Provided</u>)

ALL attempts to verify information from other sources must be documented on Case Documentation (CADO).

Supervisory approval must be obtained prior to using the participant's statement.

EXCEPTION

DO NOT use a participant's statement in the following situations:

• To verify the following factors:

<u>Identity</u>

Social Security Enumeration

Citizenship

Noncitizenship Status

Relationship

Pregnancy

Medical Disability (depending on the program requested)

Expenses

NOTE A participant statement may be accepted for the following:

- Wood
- Coal
- <u>Self employment expenses</u> for the CA and FS programs
- When the information is inconsistent or questionable. (See Resolving Questionable Information)

Key CS in the verification field when a participant statement is the source of verification used.