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This page notifies staff and the public of changes to the Cash and Nutrition Assistance Policy (CNAP) Manual regarding policy, procedures, and forms. Reminders and general information may also be displayed on this page. Prior What's Changed pages are listed in <u>FAA6.R01</u> of the CNAP Manual.

The above list summarizes the information on this page. Within the CNAP Manual, each item listed above links to screens below. This page must be discussed during the weekly <u>policy</u> <u>dissemination</u> in every office which determines eligibility, reviews eligibility, or answers questions regarding eligibility. (<u>Current week's FAA-1215A</u>)

#### Change: DEFERRAL ENDED ACTS Alert

EFFECTIVE DATE: For DEFERRAL ENDED ACTS Alert actions completed on or after 12/13/2021

Directions for the DEFERRAL ENDED ACTS Alert were added to the Cash and Nutrition Policy (CNAP) Manual based on research from FAA Systems, the ACTS Reconciliation workgroup, and the Policy Support Team.

A Jobs deferral can be used as verification of the LIBL/STBL Hardship Extension for Disability or a LIBL/STBL Hardship Extension for Victim of Violence, Crime, or Domestic Violence.

When a DEFERRAL ENDED ACTS Alert is received from Jobs, the participant must provide another source of verification for a pending hardship extension request. Review the case to determine whether the participant has a pending request for one of the following:

- A Disability Hardship Extension
- A Victim of Violence, Crime, or Domestic Violence hardship extension

Contact information was added to the CNAP Manual for the CA Jobs Program providers Equus and Maximus.

#### Policy reference(s) revised due to this change:

FAA2.M07F.01 – <u>LIBL/STBL Hardship Extension Eligibility</u> – <u>Disability Verification</u>

Prior Policy

Added Jobs and Equus contact information. (Effective with all hardship extensions received on or after 12/13/2021)

FAA2.M07F.03 – <u>LIBL/STBL Hardship Extension – Victim</u> of Violence, Crime, or Domestic Violence Verification

**Prior Policy** 

Added Jobs and Equus contact information. (Effective with all hardship extensions received on or after 12/13/2021)

FAA6.A04B.22 - Deferral Ended ACTS Alert

No Archives

Added instructions for the Deferral Ended ACTS Alert. (Effective with all DEFERRAL ENDED ACTS Alert actions completed on or after 12/13/2021)

#### Change: Cuban and Haitian Parolees

EFFECTIVE DATE: With all eligibility determinations completed on or after 12/13/2021

Cubans or Haitians classified as Cuban or Haitian Entrants under Section 501(e) of the Refugee Education and Assistance Act of 1980 are considered qualified aliens. As qualified aliens, Cuban or Haitian Entrants are potentially eligible for NA benefits indefinitely without a waiting period.

These noncitizens may be granted parole as a Cuban or Haitian Entrant (Status Pending) or granted any other special status. Cuban or Haitian Entrants with less than 8 months in the US should be seen by the Refugee Unit only. They should have a citizenship code of RE on IDCI. After 8 months, their citizenship code should be EA.

NOTE These noncitizens are not work eligible and therefore exempt from Jobs Program requirements.

Cuban or Haitian nationals who are not classified as Entrants are granted Temporary Protected Status (TPS). An individual who is on TPS is permitted to remain temporarily in the US. A Cuban or Haitian national with TPS is not eligible for NA or CA benefits until they have been in a qualified status for 5 years.

#### Policy reference(s) revised due to this change:

FAA2.K08A.03 – Cuban or Haitian Entrant

**Prior Policy** 

Added policy regarding the 5 year ban for Cuban or Haitian Entrant and Temporary Protected Status. Added information on the US immigration automated court verification line, EIOR. (Effective with all eligibility determinations completed on or after 12/13/2021)

## Change: MAC Participant Complies Within 30 days of NA Closure

EFFECTIVE DATE: With all eligibility determinations completed on or after 12/13/2021

This is to inform staff that eligibility for a MAC closure can be reinstated. When the participant, who recently became ineligible due to failure to provide required information or verification, complies with all reinstatement criteria, the case can be reopened.

Eligibility for benefits can be reinstated for budgetary units that have become recently ineligible due to failure to provide required information or verification. The budgetary unit's eligibility can be reinstated without a new application or interview when the missing MAC report, information, or

verification is provided within 30 days of the date the household became ineligible. The budgetary unit must have at least one month left in the approval period.

The worker may revert the NA program to open for the remaining months of the certification period. The overall length of the approval remains unaffected. Benefits are prorated for the remainder of the approval period beginning on the date the budgetary unit takes the required action to reestablish eligibility.

### Policy reference(s) revised due to this change:

FAA1.B05B.03 – <u>Compliance with NA Renewal</u> Requirements After the Approval Period Ends

Prior Policy

Changed title from Compliance with NA Renewal Requirements in the Month After the NA Approval Period Ends. Added information regarding the reinstatement waiver. (Effective with all eligibility determinations completed on or after 12/13/2021)

FAA6.A02A - NA Mid Approval Contact (MAC)

**Prior Policy** 

Added information regarding the Reinstatement Waiver. (Effective with all eligibility determinations completed on or after 12/13/2021)

## Reminder: Pascua Yaqui Tribal TANF Interview Waiver

An <u>Urgent Bulletin</u> was emailed on 12/09/2021 to inform staff that PY YOEME is waiving the PY Tribal TANF interviews according to the amended <u>Urgent Bulletin</u> emailed on 10/01/2021.

This change is effective immediately for any PY YOEME Tribal TANF applications received on or after 10/01/2021.

All other PY Tribal TANF policies and procedures continue to be in effect, including employment referrals and the pre-compliance requirement. See, <u>FAA6.106</u> titled Pascua Yaqui Tribal TANF (PY-YOEME) – Overview for PY Tribal TANF policies and procedures.

## General Information: Forms Update

Changes to Forms – 12/04/2021 through 12/10/2021

As a reminder, it is important not to save documents on your desktop or a folder. It is better to use the form you need directly from the <u>Document Center</u>. Forms are frequently updated and sometimes the current form must be used for programming purposes.

#### Revised forms:

No forms were revised during the specified period

#### Newly created forms:

No forms were created during the specified period

Revised Marketing Materials (Posters, Pamphlets, Flyers):

No revisions to marketing materials were made during the specified period

## Forms Archived from the Document Center

• No forms were archived from the Document Center