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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 [What's Changed History](#) of the CNAP Manual.

The above list summarizes the information on this page. Each item listed above links to the corresponding section below.

The information on this page must be discussed during the weekly [policy dissemination](#) in every office which determines eligibility, reviews eligibility, or answers questions regarding eligibility. ([Current week's FAA-1215A](#))

Change: 2023 SSA Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA)

EFFECTIVE DATE: For the benefit month of 01/2023

The Social Security Administration (SSA) announced changes to benefit amounts and Medicare premiums based on the annual Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) effective 01/2023.

FAA Systems is running a mass change on all cases that include income from the Social Security Administration (SSA) on 01/07/2023.

The SSA Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) includes an increase of 8.7% to the monthly amount of benefits, affecting Social Security Disability, Retirement, Survivors, and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits.

Effective 01/01/2023, the new maximum amount for SSI benefits is \$914.
The Medicare Part B Standard Monthly Premium decreases to \$164.90.

NOTE Participants with Medicare may have a different Part B premium amount depending on when they began receiving SSA benefits.

All cases must be authorized in the current system month (CSM) of 02/2023 for the change to run correctly. The mass change automatically updates Social Security income for the benefit month of 02/2023. The ACTS Alert MASS CHG-PLEASE REDETER is generated to manually rework cases missed by the mass change.

Review the WTPI and WTPY screens in AZTECS or SOLQI in HEAplus to determine benefit amounts, Medicare premiums, and whether the premium is paid by the recipient, state, or third party.

Policy reference(s) revised due to this change:

FAA6.J08 – [SSI Maximum Benefit Amount](#)

Prior Policy

[Archived 01/03/2023](#)

This reference has been updated with the SSA COLA for 2023. (Effective for the benefit month of 01/2023)

Change: The USDA Nondiscrimination Statement has been Revised

EFFECTIVE DATE: Effective with all interviews completed on or after 01/03/2023

The USDA has updated their nondiscrimination statement that is placed on printed materials that are related to SNAP.

The Policy Support Team (PST) has revised the CNAP Manual to reflect the new United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) nondiscrimination statement. Based on a recent Supreme Court decision, the USDA has clarified that discrimination on the basis of sex includes gender identity and sexual orientation. The USDA has also changed the contact information for reporting discrimination complaints.

PST has updated the CNAP+ Manual at FAA1.A03E titled, Agency Principles – Right to File a Discrimination Complaint to remove the retired J-098 form. The contact information to file a complaint with the USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has also been updated.

Policy reference(s) revised due to this change:

FAA6.H01C – [USDA Nondiscrimination](#)

Prior Policy

[Archived 01/01/2023](#)

The USDA nondiscrimination statement and contact information has been updated. (Effective with all interviews completed on or after 01/03/2023)

Change: A1 Payment Standard Verification

EFFECTIVE DATE: Policy was clarified as of 01/03/2023

The CNAP+ Manual has been updated in regarding acceptable verification for the A1 Standard.

The obligation to pay for a shelter expense is required for the A1 Payment Standard. Verification of shelter expense includes any of the following:

- Documented verification
- Collateral contact

NOTE A participant statement is not acceptable as a form of verification

Policy reference(s) revised due to this change:

FAA1.C02A – [Providing Verification](#)

Prior Policy

[Archived 01/03/2022](#)

Added A1 to the list when a participant statement is not acceptable. (Effective: Policy was clarified as of 01/03/2023)

Clarification: Clarification Added to the Deferral Ended ACTS Alert

When a Deferral Ended Automated Change Tracking System (ACTS) Alert is received, review the case file for both of the following:

- When the reported change causes a loss of an NA work requirement exemption, update WORW as needed and send the appropriate notice.
- Determine the current cause of deprivation. When unemployment or underemployment is the cause of deprivation, convert the case from CA to the CA Two Parent Employment Program (TPEP).

General Information: Forms Update

Changes to Forms – 12/24/2022 through 12/30/2022

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 [Document Center](#). 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:

- Earned Income Worksheet for 2023 (FAA-1269B) form
NOTE This replaces the Earned Income Worksheet for 2022 (FAA-1269B) form

Revised Marketing Materials (Posters, Pamphlets, Flyers):

- No revised marketing materials were created during the specified period

New Marketing Materials (Posters, Pamphlets, Flyers):

- No new marketing materials were created during the specified period

Forms Archived from the Document Center

- No forms were archived from the Document Center