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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 <u>policy dissemination</u> in every office which determines eligibility, reviews eligibility, or answers questions regarding eligibility. (<u>Current week's FAA-1215A</u>)

Change: SSNs, Jobs Referrals, and COAs for Cuban or Haitian Entrants

EFFECTIVE DATE: The CNAP Manual has been updated as of 06/19/2023

Policy references regarding the Social Security Number (SSN) requirement, CA Jobs Referral, and Class of Admission (COA) Codes for Cuban or Haitian Entrants have been updated for clarity.

SSN Requirement

Similar to any NA and CA participant, Cuban or Haitian Entrants are required to provide an SSN or apply for an SSN to be potentially eligible to receive NA or CA benefits.

The Social Security Administration (SSA) issues SSNs to noncitizens when federal law requires an SSN to get certain benefits or services. To prove identity and immigration status, participants can show their current United States (U.S.) immigration documents and unexpired foreign passports. Acceptable immigration documents include, and are not limited to, **any** of the following:

- Form I-551 Lawful Permanent Resident Card, Machine-Readable Immigrant Visa.
- Admission stamp showing a class of admission permitting work.
- Form I-94 Arrival/Departure Record.
- Form I-766 Employment Authorization Document (EAD) with category code "C11" when they have applied for and received one.

CA Jobs Referral

Cuban or Haitian Entrants with the approved parolee status are eligible to apply for employment authorization. To apply for an Employment Authorization Document (EAD), the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) I-765 Form (Application for Employment Authorization) must be submitted.

Due to the backlog, receiving an EAD for Cuban or Haitian Entrants may take longer than expected.

Cuban or Haitian Entrants who have the EAD and are CA mandatory Jobs referrals are referred to the Jobs Program using the RP Jobs Referral Code.

Cuban or Haitian Entrants who do not have the EAD and are CA mandatory Jobs referrals are temporarily exempt from referring to the Jobs Program using the HC Exemption Code.

NOTE The participant must inform FAA no later than the tenth calendar day following the month they receive an EAD. Upon receiving the confirmation, FAA staff must update the HC CA Work Registration Exemption Code to RP, and the participant must comply with the Jobs Program.

Class of Admission (COA) Codes

COA Codes that are assigned to Cuban or Haitian Entrants include, and are not limited to **any** of the following:

- CU6 Cuban Refugees
- CU7 Non-Cuban spouse or children of Cuban refugee
- CH6 Cuban Haitian Entrant Adjustments
- HA6 Haitian Asylum Applicants
- HA7 Spouses of HA6
- HA8 Children of HA6
- HA9 Unmarried sons/daughters of HA6
- HB6 Haitian parolees
- HB7 Spouses of HB6
- HB8 Children of HB6
- HB9 Unmarried sons/daughters of HB6

A Cuban or Haitian Entrant who is later granted Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR) status potentially remains eligible for NA and CA programs based on their previous eligible status and retains the status of Cuban or Haitian Entrant.

Policy reference(s) revised due to this change:

FAA3.D06B – Qualified Noncitizens

Prior Policy 06/19/2023

Added additional COA codes for Cuban or Haitian Entrants. Added detailed verbiage about SSN requirements for these participants. (The CNAP Manual has been updated as of 06/19/2023)

FAA3.D10 – Social Security Number (SSN)

Prior Policy 06/19/2023

Added verbiage regarding SSN requirements for qualified noncitizens. (The CNAP Manual has been updated Effective 06/19/2023)

FAA5.A03C - CA Jobs Exemptions

Prior Policy 06/19/2023

Added verbiage that Cuban or Haitian Entrants are temporarily exempt when they do not have employment authorization. (The CNAP Manual has been updated as of 06/19/2023)

FAA5.A03C.06 – <u>CA Jobs Exempt – Cuban Haitian</u> Entrants

Prior Policy 06/19/2023

Added verbiage that Cuban or Haitian Entrants are temporarily exempt when they do not have employment authorization. (The CNAP Manual has been updated as of 06/19/2023)

Clarification: Rolling Past the Current System Month

The definition for Rolling Past the Current System Month has been updated. When appropriate, **any** of the following scenarios can require a case to be rolled past the current system month:

- When a participant applies after the 15th calendar day of the month and is approved for expedited services with postponed verification.
- When a participant submits an application for renewal within 60 calendar days of the last day of the approval period.

For more information on when a case can be rolled past the current system month, see the CNAP Manual reference <u>FAA6.QR01R</u> titled Rolling Past the Current System Month Definition.

Clarification: Mid Approval Contact (MAC) Document Types

The following clarification has been added to the CNAP Manual regarding the use of an official completed application for the Mid Approval Contact (MAC) process.

When an official completed application is used to complete the MAC process and is uploaded to OnBase, AZTECS does not automatically display a Y in the MAC RECD field on INDA.

For more information regarding the MAC process, see <u>FAA6.A02A.01</u> titled NA 12-Month or 24-Month Approval Period MAC Requirement.

Clarification: Simplified Reporting and ABAWD

NA budgetary units who are assigned to simplified reporting requirements are required to report *all* of the following:

- When the gross monthly income of all participants included in the budgetary unit exceeds 130% of the current Federal Poverty Level (FPL).
- When the work hours of an Able Bodied Adult without Dependents (ABAWD) participant fall below 20 hours per week or an average of less than 80 hours per month.
- Lottery or gambling winnings from a single game that meets or exceeds the winning reporting amount.

General Information: Forms Update

Changes to Forms – 06/10/2023 through 06/16/2023

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

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