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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.

Change: Dependents of a Foster Care Participant

EFFECTIVE DATE: For all eligibility determinations completed on or after 10/01/2024

Dependent children of a foster care participant residing in a foster care facility are potentially eligible for NA.

A foster care participant residing in a foster care facility contracted with the Department of Child Services (DCS), who is receiving most of their meals (over 50% of three meals daily) from the facility, is not eligible for NA. However, when the foster care participant's dependent children, who are not foster care participants, reside with them and are not provided meals by the facility, the dependent children are potentially eligible for NA.

When a foster care participant is applying for a dependent child and verification of residency and less than 50% of three daily meals for the dependent child is provided, complete **all** of the following:

- Key the DE Participation Code in the PT field on SEPA next to the Primary Informant (PI).
- Key the RI Ineligible Reason Code in the INELIG RSN field and the date of ineligibility in the DATE field on SEPA, when applicable.

The NA PI may be keyed DE on SEPA and the case can remain open when **one** of the following applies:

- There is another adult budgetary unit participant designated as the NA Lead Participant.
- The PI is a foster care participant, residing in a foster care facility with a dependent child who is not a foster care participant.

PRAP is not required to be keyed when the PI is keyed with the DE Participation Code on SEPA due to being a foster care participant receiving the majority of meals from a foster care facility.

For more information, see **all** of the following CNAP Manual references:

- [FAA2.A07](#) titled Budgetary Units with Special Circumstances
- [FAA2.A09](#) titled Disqualified Participants

Policy reference(s) revised due to this change:

FAA2.A07 – [Budgetary Units with Special Circumstances](#)

[Prior Policy 10/01/2024](#)

Added information about disqualified foster care participants residing in a facility with their potentially NA eligible dependents. (Effective with all eligibility determinations completed on or after 10/01/2024)

FAA2.A09 – [Disqualified Participants](#)

[Prior Policy 10/01/2024](#)

Updated NA only disqualifications to include when the primary informant (PI) is a foster care participant residing in a facility that is providing the majority of meals (over 50% of three meals daily) for the foster care PI but not for the PI's dependents. The dependents of the PI are potentially NA eligible, and the PI is not. (Effective with all eligibility determinations completed on or after 10/01/2024)

Change: Compact of Free Association (COFA)

EFFECTIVE DATE: For all eligibility determinations completed on or after 09/30/2024

On 03/09/2024, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2024 was signed into law.

The change in law provides that the Compact of Free Association (COFA) citizens of all the following countries who lawfully reside in the U.S. are potentially eligible for NA and CA:

- The Federated States of Micronesia
- The Republic of the Marshall Islands
- The Republic of Palau

COFA citizens living in the United States are required to establish lawful residency. However, COFA citizens are not required to meet additional noncitizen requirements to be potentially eligible for NA and CA.

For complete details for Compact of Free Association (COFA), see at [FAA3.D06B](#) titled Qualified Noncitizens.

Policy reference(s) revised due to this change:

FAA3.D06B – [Qualified Noncitizens](#)

[Prior Policy 09/30/2024](#)

Added policy regarding potential eligibility for citizens of Compact of Free Association (COFA). (Effective for all eligibility determinations completed on or after 09/30/2024.)

FAA3.D06D – [Nonqualified Noncitizens](#)

[Prior Policy 09/30/2024](#)

Removed the NOTE regarding citizens of either the Marshall Islands or the Federated States of Micronesia as it no longer applies. (Effective for all eligibility determinations completed on or after 09/30/2024.)

Change: ABAWD Age Exemption Change

EFFECTIVE DATE: For all eligibility determinations completed on or after 10/01/2024

The age exemption for Able Bodied Adult Without Dependents (ABAWD) has been increased to 55 years of age as a result of the Fiscal Responsibility Act (FRA) of 2023.

An NA participant, 18 through 54 years of age, with no dependents, who is physically and mentally fit for employment, meets the definition of ABAWD.

Policy reference(s) revised due to this change:

FAA2.M01 – [WERE/CODC/CODF - Purpose](#)

[Prior Policy 10/01/2024](#)

Updated ABAWD age from through 52 years of age to through 54 years of age. (Effective with all eligibility determinations completed on or after 10/01/2024)

FAA2.M09A – [ABAWD Time Limits and Work Requirements](#)

[Prior Policy 10/01/2024](#)

Updated ABAWD age from through 52 years of age to through 54 years of age. (Effective with all eligibility determinations completed on or after 10/01/2024)

FAA2.M09B – [ABAWD Exemptions](#)

[Prior Policy 10/01/2024](#)

Updated ABAWD age from through 52 years of age to through 54 years of age. (Effective with all eligibility determinations completed on or after 10/01/2024)

Clarification: Adding Deemed Newborns to NA and CA

When a participant returns a completed Newborn Information for CA/NA (X113) notice, upload the notice into OnBase using the Deemed Newborn Information document type.

When the X113 is uploaded into OnBase using the Deemed Newborn Information document type, the Deemed Newborn Information ACTS Alert is created to be sure the newborn is added to the NA and CA benefits.

Additional instructions will be added to the CNAP Manual in the near future.

For more information, see [FAA6.A03N](#) titled Participants Living in the Household - Effecting Changes.

Reminder: FFY 2025 NA COLA Updates

Effective 10/01/2024, the 2025 Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA) changes allotments, income eligibility standards, and deductions. For additional details about the changes, see [FFY 2025 NA COLA Changes](#).

See **any** of the following policy references revised due to the FFY 2025 COLA:

- [FAA6.J02A.04](#) titled CA Needy Family Test Income Standards (100% FPL)
- [FAA6.J02A.05](#) titled CA Needy Family Test Income Standards (130% FPL)
- [FAA6.J02B.01](#) titled NA Gross Monthly Income Eligibility Standard (130% FPL)
- [FAA6.J02B.02](#) titled NA Net Monthly Income Eligibility Standard (100% FPL)
- [FAA6.J02B.03](#) titled NA Elderly or Disability Eligibility Standard (165% FPL)
- [FAA6.J02B.04](#) titled NA Expanded Categorical Eligibility Standard (185% FPL)
- [FAA6.J02B.05](#) titled 200% of Federal Poverty Level (Compromise Overpayment)
- [FAA6.J03A](#) titled NA Homeless Shelter Deduction Amount
- [FAA6.J03B](#) titled NA Standard Deduction Amount
- [FAA6.J03C](#) titled NA Shelter Deduction Amount
- [FAA6.J06B](#) titled Maximum NA Resource Limit
- [FAA6.J08](#) titled Thrifty Food Plan (NA)
- [FAA6.J09](#) titled Utility Allowance Current Amount
- [FAA6.J12](#) titled Winnings Reporting Amount

NOTE FFY 2024 standards effective before 10/01/2024 will be archived on 09/30/2024.

General Information: Replacement Issuance of Stolen NA and CA Benefits is Ending

On 12/29/2022, a federal law was passed to protect and replace NA benefits stolen from 10/01/2022 through 09/30/2024. The Administration of Children and Families (ACF) aligned CA with the federal law allowing the replacement of CA benefits stolen electronically.

The federal law only allows States to replace benefits stolen on or before 09/30/2024. Benefits are potentially eligible for replacement provided they are reported within 45 calendar days of the theft.

Example: The participant has until 11/14/2024 to have benefits potentially replaced that were stolen on 09/30/2024.

For more information, see [FAA5.J02A](#) titled Replacement Issuance of Stolen Benefits.

General Information: Forms Update

Changes to Forms – 09/14/2024 through 09/20/2024

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:

- Nutrition Assistance (NA) Authorized Representative Request (FAA-1826A) English
Aligned the form to match the policy and the authorize representative section on the application.
- Nutrition Assistance (NA) Authorized Representative Request (FAA-1826A-S) Spanish
Aligned the form to match the policy and the authorize representative section on the application.

Revised Marketing Materials (Posters, Pamphlets, Flyers):

- No revisions to marketing materials were made during the specified period

Newly created forms:

- No forms 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