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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: Simplified Reporting Requirements**

EFFECTIVE DATE: For changes to income that occur on or after 03/01/2026

The NA Simplified Reporting income reporting requirement has changed to reduce errors.

For NA, the gross income limit for Simplified Reporting requirements has changed from 130% of the FPL to 200% of the FPL.

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

FAA5.I01A – [NA Eligibility and Benefit Determination](#) [Prior Policy 03/01/2026](#)

Income reporting requirements for Simplified Reporting changed from 130% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) to 200% of the FPL. (Updated as of 04/13/2026; Effective 03/01/2026)

FAA6.A01B – [Simplified Reporting](#) [Prior Policy 03/01/2026](#)

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### **Clarification: Prepaid Cards**

Money withdrawn from a prepaid card is countable as a cash resource.

For more information on prepaid cards, refer to FAA4.B03T titled Prepaid Cards.

## Reminder: Verifying Information

This is a reminder that FAA staff use the prudent person concept when requesting information. The prudent person concept refers to a decision-making (also known as critical thinking) process that strengthens the worker's policy knowledge, confidence, and decision-making capabilities within FAA. Staff make all eligibility decisions using reasonable judgment, based on knowledge of and experience with the programs. They use professional judgment to determine the method of verification and acceptable documentation to support the decision.

When provided information on documented or electronic verification is not sufficient or complete, FAA staff make verbal attempts to clarify information provided by the participant. This is done through a collateral contact. Collateral contacts may be from **any** of the following sources:

- An agency
- Organization
- Individual qualified to have knowledge of the required information

For more information on the verification requirements, see the CNAP Manual sections related to each eligibility factor.

For a list of factors that may affect program eligibility and benefit level, refer to FAA8.C titled Eligibility Factors Table (EFT).

## Urgent Bulletin Reminder: NA Noncitizen SAVE Date

An [Urgent Bulletin](#) was emailed on 04/08/2026 to provide additional clarification to staff on the effective date of the NA noncitizen changes.

To apply the updated policy for applications or changes processed on or after 03/01/2026, when a household contains a noncitizen, review the date the last Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) was run.

When the last SAVE was run on or after 03/01/2026, use the SAVE information to process the case.

When the last SAVE was run before 03/01/2026, complete **all** of the following:

- Run a SAVE.
- Key the new SAVE run date in the SAVE DATE field on NOCS.
- Process the case using the updated information.

## Urgent Bulletin Reminder: Simplified Reporting Change to Gross Income Amount

An [Urgent Bulletin](#) was emailed on 04/09/2026 to inform staff, effective 03/01/2026, NA participants assigned to Simplified Reporting are required to report when the gross monthly income of all participants included in the NA budgetary unit exceeds 200% of the current Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

The amount changed from 130% to 200% of the FPL.

The CNAP Manual will be updated with these changes on 04/13/2026. FAA Systems is finalizing the programming for all notices.

Only the FPL has changed. NA participants assigned to Simplified Reporting are required to report **any** of the following:

- When the gross monthly income of all participants included in the NA budgetary unit exceeds 200% of the current FPL.

NOTE This also includes income of disqualified NA participants.

- When the work hours of Able Bodied Adult without Dependents (ABAWD) participants 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 winnings reporting amount of \$4500.

To review the increased FPL, refer to FAA6.J02B.04 titled NA Expanded Categorical Eligibility Standard (200% FPL).

NOTE When the CNAP Manual changes are made, the title of FAA6.J02B.04 will be NA 200% of the Federal Poverty Level.

## **General Information: Forms Update**

Changes to Forms – 04/04/2026 through 04/10/2026

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 Able Bodied Adult Without Dependents (ABAWD) Time Limits (FAA-1530A) form (English and Spanish)

The geographic exemption has been added to the form and verbiage updated to align with revised policies.

### **Newly created forms:**

- No forms were revised during the specified period.

### **Revised Marketing Materials (Posters, Pamphlets, Flyers):**

NOTE When a mandatory poster is listed below, offices must order the mandatory poster through the warehouse. Refer to FAA1.C03F titled Communicate with the Public for more information about posters.

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

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- No new marketing materials were created during the specified period.

**Forms and Marketing Materials Archived from the Document Center:**

- No forms were archived from the Document Center.