.08 FS Participants Keyed as DF

The following participants may not receive FS benefits due to a disqualification. Key DF in the PT field on SEPA in the following situations:

- Participants who commit fraud or <u>intentional program violation</u> (IPV)
- Participants fleeing to avoid prosecution, custody, or confinement after conviction of a felony. The participant is ineligible for FS benefits as long as the participant continues to flee.
- Participants violating a condition of probation or parole imposed by a federal or state law. The participant is ineligible for FS benefits as long as the participant continues to violate a condition of probation or parole.
- Participants convicted of trading FS benefits for controlled substances or controlled substances for FS benefits.
- Participants convicted of trafficking FS benefits.
- Participants convicted of making fraudulent statements concerning their residence or identity, in order to receive multiple FS benefits.
- Participants (children or adults) who are convicted of a felony for possession, use, or distribution of a controlled substance. The crime must have been committed and the participant convicted on or after August 23, 1996.

WARNING

Minor(g) children who are convicted of a felony drug-related offense must have been tried and convicted in an Adult Criminal court.

NOTE Minors that have been adjudicated by Juvenile Court DO NOT meet the disqualification criteria.

Minor and adult participants must have been convicted of a felony offense that has actual possession, use, or distribution of a controlled substance as an element of the crime. The following are examples of convictions that DO NOT cause disqualification:

Attempted possession

- Solicitation to possess
- Attempted manufacture of dangerous drugs
- Possession of non-dangerous chemicals to manufacture drugs
- Possession of drug paraphernalia
- Facilitation to possess or sell
- Conspiracy to possess

When questionable, elevate to the <u>Policy Support Team</u> (PST) via email and FAX copies of the court documents that indicate conviction or sentencing.

The participant is ineligible for FS benefits as long as the conviction stands.

NOTE Felons are offered the opportunity to petition the court to expunge (remove) the conviction from their record. (See Adding Formerly Disqualified Participants)