SNAP Sponsor Desk Aid

SPONSOR DEEMING

Someone who signs an affidavit of support promising to provide enough financial support to maintain the sponsored noncitizen at an annual income that is at least 125% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). A non-citizen may be sponsored by more than one individual.

A process in which the agency, in determining a Qualified Non-Citizen's eligibility for SNAP, counts a portion of the income and resources of a non-citizen's sponsor as income and resources available to the non-citizen.

Qualified Non-Citizens Subject to Sponsor Deeming

All qualified Non-Citizens with legally enforceable affidavits of support (those signed when a non-citizen filed for a visa application or applied for an adjustment to LPR status on or after 12/19/1997) are subject to sponsor deeming. This typically includes:

- Family-sponsored LPRs (including immediate relatives)
- Some employment based LPRs (came to the U.S. to work for relatives or in companies partially owned (more than 5%) by relatives

Qualified Non-Citizens Not Subject to Sponsor Deeming

- All children under 18 years regardless of entry date
- Battered Spouses or Children
 - * For any 12-month period if non-citizen is a battered child or parent, or child of a battered person (as long as the non-citizen does not live with the batterer). This can be extended if the battery is legally recognized and determined to substantially connect to the need for benefits.
- All non-citizens that do not have a sponsor or who were sponsored prior to 12/19/1997
- Sponsor in Same Food Assistance Household
 - * The sponsor's income will already count in the Food Assistance household, so deeming is not required. There is no deeming exemption if the sponsor receives FA in another household.
- Indigent Non-Citizens
 - * Sum of the non-citizen's household's income, cash or in-kind assistance is <130% FPL. Must be reported to USCIS. Effective for 12 months and can be renewed for 12-month periods. Non-citizens can opt-out.
- Ineligible Members (Non-Qualified Non-Citizens)
- Has met 40 Work Quarters
 - * Non-Citizen has worked or can receive credit for a total of forty (40) work quarters under Title II of the Social Security Act.



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Unless the SNAP Client meets a sponsor deeming exception, the following information will be entered into CBMS and requested via VCL:

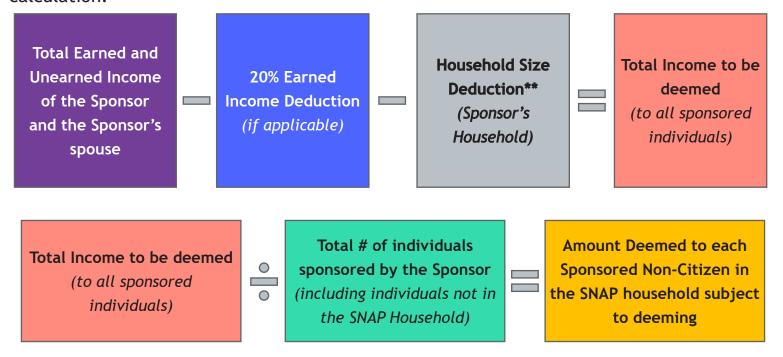
- Income and Resources of the Sponsor and Sponsor's Spouse
- Number of individuals sponsored

*Note: If verified, will be deemed to the Non-Citizen. If not verified, the AF Client will be denied.

CBMS will use the data entry of Sponsor income and resources to determine amount to be deemed.

Income Deeming

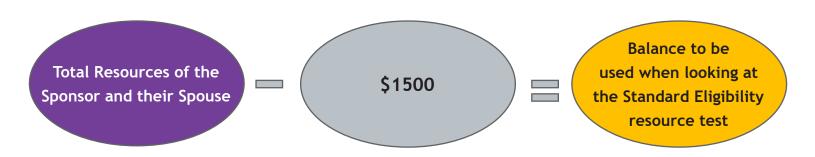
The sponsor's income will be deemed to the SNAP Household using the following calculation:



^{**}Refer to the current FS-3C available in the Document Library**

Resource Deeming

Sponsor resources will only be used for SNAP households who are considered under the Standard Eligibility Category.



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