

# SNAP SPONSOR DESK AID

## SPONSOR

Someone who signs an affidavit of support promising to provide enough financial support to maintain the sponsored non-citizen 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

## DEEMING

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)



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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:

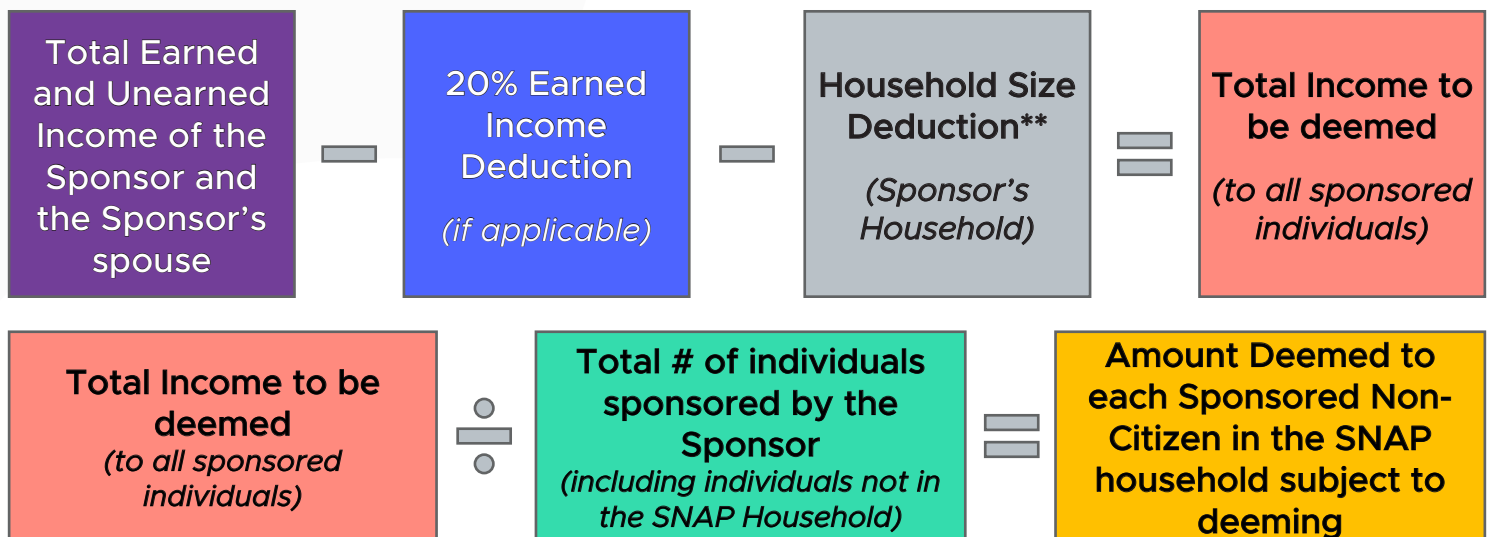
- Income and Resources of the Sponsor and Sponsor's Spouse
- Number of individuals sponsored

**\*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 SNAP Learning Library\*\*

## RESOURCE DEEMING

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

