

What Are SUBSTANTIAL GAMBLING/LOTTERY WINNINGS?

It is a **CASH PRIZE** won in a single game before taxes or other amounts are withheld that is **EQUAL TO OR GREATER** than the resource limit for elderly and persons with disabilities.



1 RECORD/1 PLAY

CBMS will only discontinue for Lottery or Gambling Winnings if the winnings are **SUBSTANTIAL**. Normal income rules still apply to income that is too low to trigger the new rule.

Food Assistance WILL TERMINATE

- If there is one CBMS Unearned Income record that meets the definition of substantial lottery or gambling winnings and;
- Send Notice of Adverse Action (NOAA) to the household.

DATA ENTRY

NEW Unearned Income Type

The user will enter the amount of winnings (**ONLY CASH**) on the unearned income screen, under the new "Gambling/Lottery" type. Substantial Lottery or Gambling Winnings will be counted as unearned income in the **month received**.



\$3,500 (subject to change on COLA updates)

When the user enters a Gambling/Lottery record that is **EQUAL OR GREATER** than \$3,500, regardless of the source of verification (including client statement), Food Assistance benefits will be **TERMINATED** due to "Substantial Lottery or Gambling Winnings."

Timely noticing and 21-day Adverse Action applies.

Unearned Income Page

*Type

Select Type	▼
GA Vendor Payments Not Transitional Housing	
GA Vendor Payments Transitional Housing Countable	
Gambling/Lottery	
Gate Money from Adult Corrections	
German Reparation	

CBMS will apply the chosen frequency, so the technician **MUST** use the **One Time Only frequency**. To ensure CBMS uses this income, the Effective End Date field **MUST** remain blank.

SHARED CASH PRIZES

If multiple individuals shared in the purchase of a ticket, hand, or similar bet, then **ONLY the portion of the cash prize allocated to the client** of the Food Assistance household would be counted in the eligibility determination.

Take for example Phil, he currently receives Food Assistance benefits. He and his mother bought a "Scratch and Win". They won a grand total of \$6,000. Phil got \$3,000. Phil's Food Assistance benefits will **NOT** be terminated because HIS portion of the cash prize is **LESS** than the Elderly/Disabled resource limit.

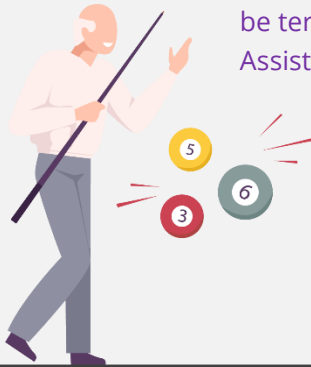


Check out other examples on the flip side!



MORE EXAMPLES

On 05/20/2020 Chris reported timely that he won \$4,000 playing pool. One day he won **\$3,000** cash. Later in that same week he won **\$1,000** cash. The technician enters 2 unearned income records of Gambling/Lottery winnings: one for \$3,000 and the other one for \$1,000.



Chris' household **WILL NOT** be terminated for Food Assistance benefits because **BOTH** records total **LESS** than the current Elderly/Disabled resource limit.



Last month, Lori went to play Bingo several times. In two separate occasions, she won a cash prize: the first time she won **\$3,500** and the second time she won **\$1,500**. She immediately reported her Gambling/Lottery winnings. The technician entered 2 unearned income records for each prize that Lori won.

Lori's household **WILL BE** terminated for Food Assistance benefits because **ONE** of the Gambling/Lottery records is **EQUAL** to the Elderly/Disabled resource limit.

On 05/29/2020, Desiree reported that she placed a bet with her friends on a bowling game back in 01/15/2020. She won \$4,500. The technician entered one unearned income record of Gambling/Lottery winning of \$4,500 dated 01/15/2020.



Because the Gambling/Lottery winnings are **OVER** the current Elderly/Disabled resource limit, Desiree's household **WILL BE** terminated from FA beginning 07/2020, due to timely noticing. Termination NOAA will be triggered, and a **21-Day Adverse Action** will apply.

A few days ago, William won a TV valued at \$4,275. Even though the value of the TV is **OVER** the Elderly/Disabled resource limit, this TV **WON'T COUNT** as "Substantial Lottery or Gambling Winnings" because it is **NOT** a cash prize.

