

# SPONSOR EXCEPTIONS DESK AID

## SPONSOR RESPONSIBILITY

When a non-citizen is sponsored, financial responsibility for the Qualified Non-Citizen is assumed by the sponsor. If the Non-Citizen is subject to Sponsor Deeming, all HLPGs will request sponsor financial information to be used (Deemed) in the calculation of the Qualified Non-Citizen’s eligibility for public assistance benefits.

## EXCEPTIONS TO DEEMING

Sponsored individuals who are subject to Sponsor Deeming may meet an exception: These situations are called “Exceptions”:

- Abandonment
- Abuse/neglect
- Indigence

## EXCEPTIONS DEFINED:

### Abandonment:

The client is not receiving any financial assistance from the Sponsor, and has no contact.  
(The eligibility site shall make an attempt to request verification from the sponsor).



Sponsor Reimbursement Applies



No Sponsor Deeming and Sponsor Reimbursement Applies

### Abuse/Neglect:

There is credible evidence that the non-citizen has been physically abused, battered or subjected to extreme cruelty by their sponsor.



No Sponsor Reimbursement



No Sponsor Deeming and No Sponsor Reimbursement

### Indigence:

Calculation of the non-citizen and their sponsor’s income and/or resources, compared to the Federal Poverty Level.  
*\*Not an exception to requesting Sponsor Information.*



No Sponsor Reimbursement



Calculate Indigence (*no Sponsor Reimbursement*)



Calculate Indigence (See SNAP Sponsor Desk Aid)

- \* Medical Assistance programs currently do not have Sponsor Exceptions or Sponsor Deeming
- \* Sponsor Financial Information must be requested
- \* OAP clients will not have their sponsor’s income/resources considered towards their eligibility unless they are married to their sponsor
- \* Refer to the AF Sponsor Desk Aid, SNAP Sponsor Desk Aid, CW Sponsor Desk Aid for who is subject to Sponsor Deeming

## ACCESSIBILITY

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