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Summary

Updated clarifying information #8 under WAC 388-414-0001 as California ended their SSI Food Cash-Out program 6/1/19.

See below for edited text:

7. Social Security Numbers and Sponsored Alien Information:

- 1. CE households are not generally required to provide Social Security Numbers (SSN) or sponsored alien information. However, we must verify information necessary for the benefit determination if it is not captured in another program.
- 2. If the household is CE based on gross income only, and:
- o The information is not otherwise available; we will need to obtain the SSN.
- We have not previously verified the information; we must obtain the sponsored alien information if required under WAC 388-450-0155.

8. SSI recipient in cash-out state:

California is a state where the SSI payments are specially increased to include the value of the food assistance allotment (cash-out state). No one who receives SSI benefits and/or State supplementary payments as a resident of California is eligible to receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits.

If a client stops receiving SSI benefits from a cash out state and they move to Washington to establish residency here, they may receive Basic Food benefits and be categorically eligible.

9.8. How to treat the Resources of an ineligible member of a CE Assistance Unit:

If an AU is CE for <u>Basic basic Foodfood</u>, but a member is ineligible for benefits, the resources of the ineligible member do not impact the AU's eligibility for <u>Basic basic Foodfood</u>.