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Section 1

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Subject: 2020-2021 Income Guidelines for Emergency Safety Net Assistance (ESNA) and Emergency Assistance to Needy Families with Children (EAF)

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Section 2

The income standard for Emergency Safety Net Assistance (ESNA) and Emergency Assistance to Needy families with Children (EAF) is tied to the official Federal Poverty Guidelines which are updated annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

**Emergency Safety Net Assistance**

Financial eligibility for ESNA is 125% of the official Federal Poverty Guidelines. For additional information on ESNA see the Temporary Assistance Source Book (TASB) Chapter 10, Section I. The following income guidelines for ESNA are effective April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021.

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**Emergency Assistance to Needy Families with Children**

Financial eligibility for EAF is determined by the gross income immediately available to the applicant on the date of application. The household is financially eligible for EAF if the available income is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level for the household size. For additional EAF eligibility requirements, see TASB Chapter 11, Section C.

The following income guidelines for EAF are effective April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021.

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<th>Household Size</th>
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**SNAP**

Please note that these Federal Poverty Guidelines do not go into effect for SNAP on April 1st. Poverty Guidelines for SNAP are updated each year on October 1st.

Diversionary requirements for TA do not apply to SNAP. A separate determination for SNAP eligibility must be done for individuals applying for both TA and SNAP who are being diverted from TA and are not already in receipt of SNAP benefits.

As always, on the day of application filing, all households that are applying for SNAP benefits, including those applying for cash benefits, must be screened to determine if they are eligible for expedited processing for their SNAP benefits. For those households that are found eligible for expedited processing, the district must process the application, and if determined eligible, issue the benefit in accordance with 18 NYCRR 387.8(a)(2)(i).

The Federal Poverty level for SNAP eligibility determinations is adjusted each October. The income guidelines provided in [GIS 19 TA/DC042](https://www.otda.ny.gov) remain in effect for SNAP.