



General Information System (GIS) Message

Section 1

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Section 2

The purpose of this GIS message is to inform social services districts (districts) of the income standards for Emergency Safety Net Assistance (ESNA) and Emergency Assistance to Needy Families with Children (EAF). These income standards are 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 determined by the gross income of the applying household. The household's gross income at the time of application must not exceed 125% of the Federal Poverty Level Guidelines for the household size. For additional information on ESNA, please see the Temporary Assistance Source Book (TASB) [TASB Chapter 10, Section I](#). The following income guidelines for ESNA are effective April 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026.

**ESNA 125% of Federal Income Poverty
Level Guidelines (Adjusted Annually)**

Household Size	Annual	Monthly
1	\$19,562	\$1,630
2	\$26,437	\$2,203
3	\$33,312	\$2,776
4	\$40,187	\$3,349
5	\$47,062	\$3,922
6	\$53,937	\$4,495
7	\$60,812	\$5,068
8	\$67,687	\$5,641
Each Additional Member	\$6,875	\$573

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 Guidelines for the household size. For additional EAF eligibility requirements, see [TASB Chapter 11, Section C](#).

The following guidelines for EAF are effective April 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026.

**200% of Federal Poverty Level Guidelines
EAF Gross Available Test
By Family Size (Adjusted Annually)**

Household Size	Annual	Monthly
1	\$31,300	\$2,608
2	\$42,300	\$3,525
3	\$53,300	\$4,442
4	\$64,300	\$5,358
5	\$75,300	\$6,275
6	\$86,300	\$7,192
7	\$97,300	\$8,108
8	\$108,300	\$9,025
Each Additional Member	\$11,000	\$917

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Please note that these Federal Poverty Guidelines do **not** go into effect for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) on April 1, 2025. The Federal Poverty level for SNAP eligibility determinations is adjusted each October. The income guidelines provided in [24DC060](#) remain in effect for SNAP through September 30, 2025.

Diversionary requirements for TA do not apply for 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 of their SNAP application. 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).