

SNAP Eligibility for HCBS Waiver Participants Receiving Supported Living Services

Overview

In response to a request from a state, NASUAD sent a survey to the state agencies regarding SNAP (formerly Food Stamps) eligibility for Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver participants who receive individualized supported living services, which the requesting state defines as private homes with up to three unrelated housemates.

Fourteen states and one territory responded to this inquiry, including: Arizona, California, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Idaho, Indiana, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Vermont, and Wyoming.

Response Summary

States were asked if their HCBS waiver participants who receive individualized supported living services/residential supports in private homes also receive SNAP benefits. Below are the state responses.

- State responding “yes”: Indiana, Minnesota, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Wyoming
- States responding “no”: Arizona, California, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Idaho, Maryland, New Hampshire, and Vermont

Those states whose HCBS waiver participants receiving residential supports also received SNAP benefits were asked to describe any limitations or caveats that would affect those SNAP benefits.

- Indiana, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Wyoming explained that individuals living in Assisted Living or Adult Family Care do not receive benefits because all meals are covered by the provider.
- Minnesota and North Carolina specified that the individual must purchase, prepare, and eat their food separately in order to receive benefits.