

# **FOOD STAMP PROGRAM**

## **State Options Report**

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Food stamp statutes and regulations provide State agencies with numerous policy options. By selecting among these options, State agencies can target benefits to those most in need, streamline program administration, and coordinate their FSP activities with those of other programs. The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) occasionally surveys State agencies to determine which policy options they are using. While information about State agency choices among policy options is subject to frequent change, this report catalogs choices that are current as of April, 2002.

The first section of the report describes many of these options and lists the States that have selected each of them. The second section lists the States in alphabetical order and shows which options each State has selected.

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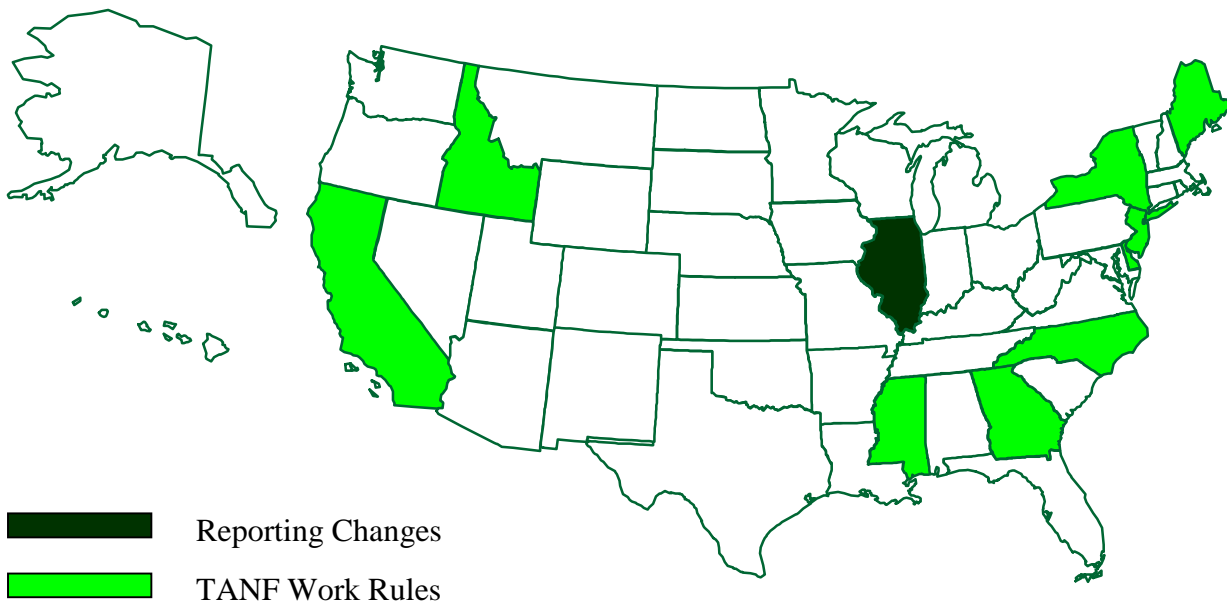
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# **SECTION ONE**

**Simplified Food Stamp Program:** After complying with several statutory FSP requirements, States have the option of using TANF or FSP rules, or a combination of both, to create Simplified Food Stamp Programs (SFSP). Under SFSP, households with no TANF benefits are not eligible for food stamps. Households where all members receive TANF benefits are automatically eligible for food stamps. With FNS approval, State SFSP plans can provide food stamps to households where one or more members receive TANF benefits. At present, nine States are operating limited SFSP.

States Operating SFSP Limited To	
Reporting Changes [1]	Using TANF Rules for Work Requirements [9]
IL	CA GA ID ME MS NC NY NJ DE

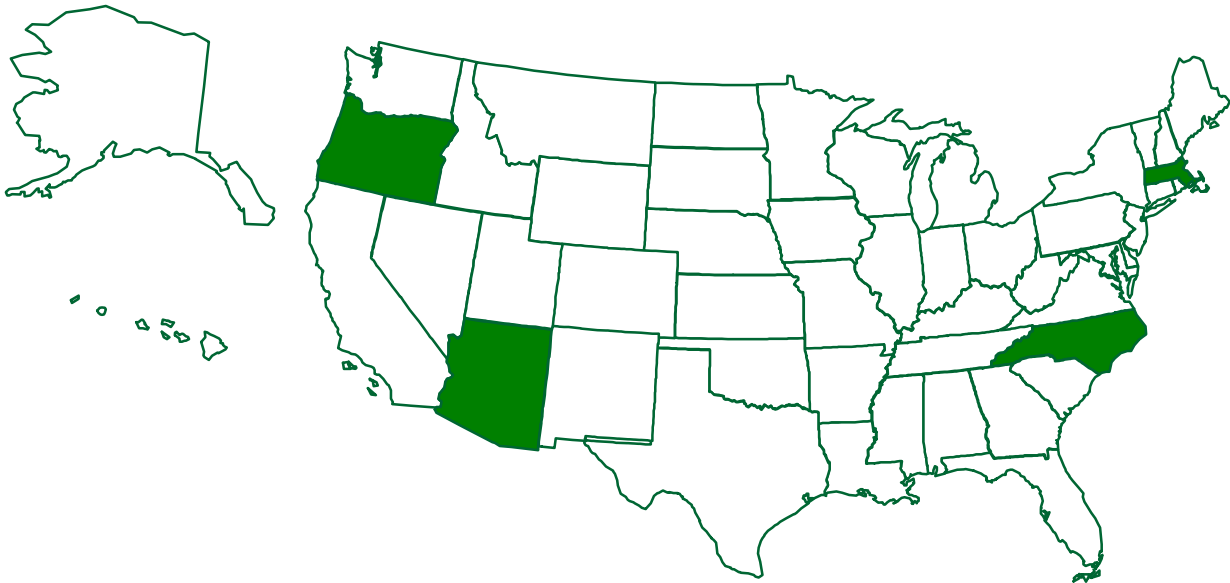
**STATES WITH SIMPLIFIED FOOD STAMP PROGRAMS**



**Wage Supplementation:** State agencies have the option of passing money in the amount a food stamp recipient's benefit to an employer, who uses the money to pay the recipient's wages. As of February, 2001, five States had wage supplementation programs.

<b>STATES WITH WAGE SUPPLEMENTATION PROGRAMS</b>	
<b>States [4]</b>	<b>Participants as of January 2002</b>
AZ	9
MA	67
NC	9
OR	227

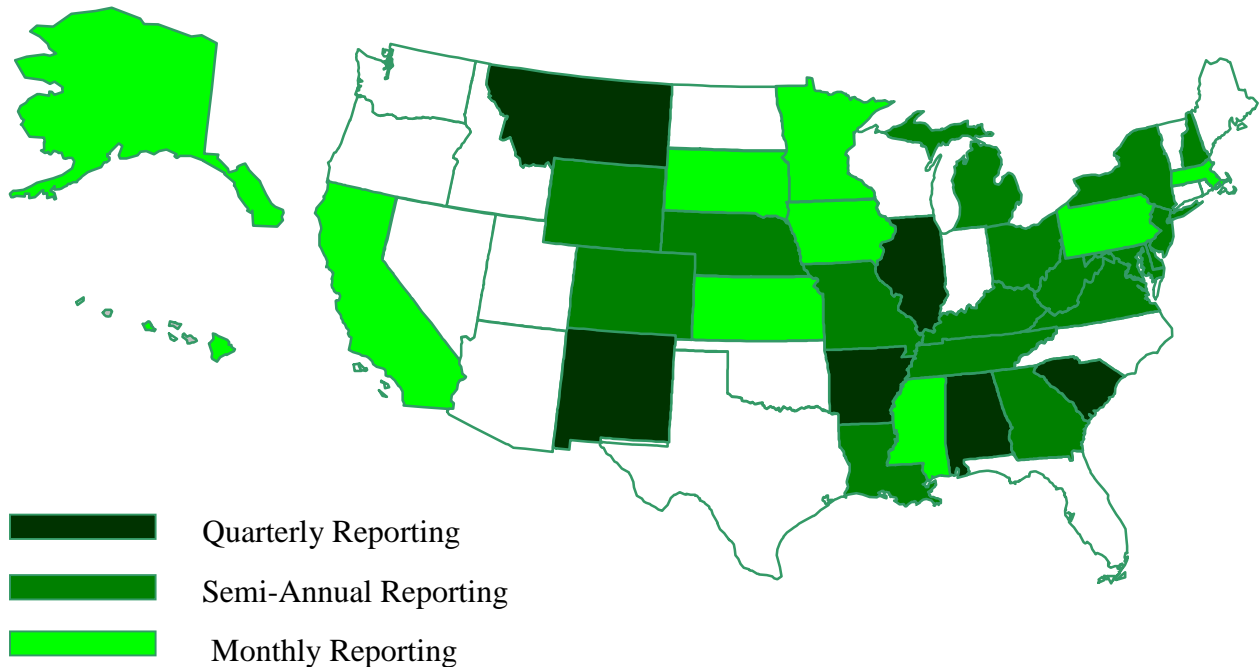
**STATES WITH WAGE SUPPLEMENTATION PROGRAMS**



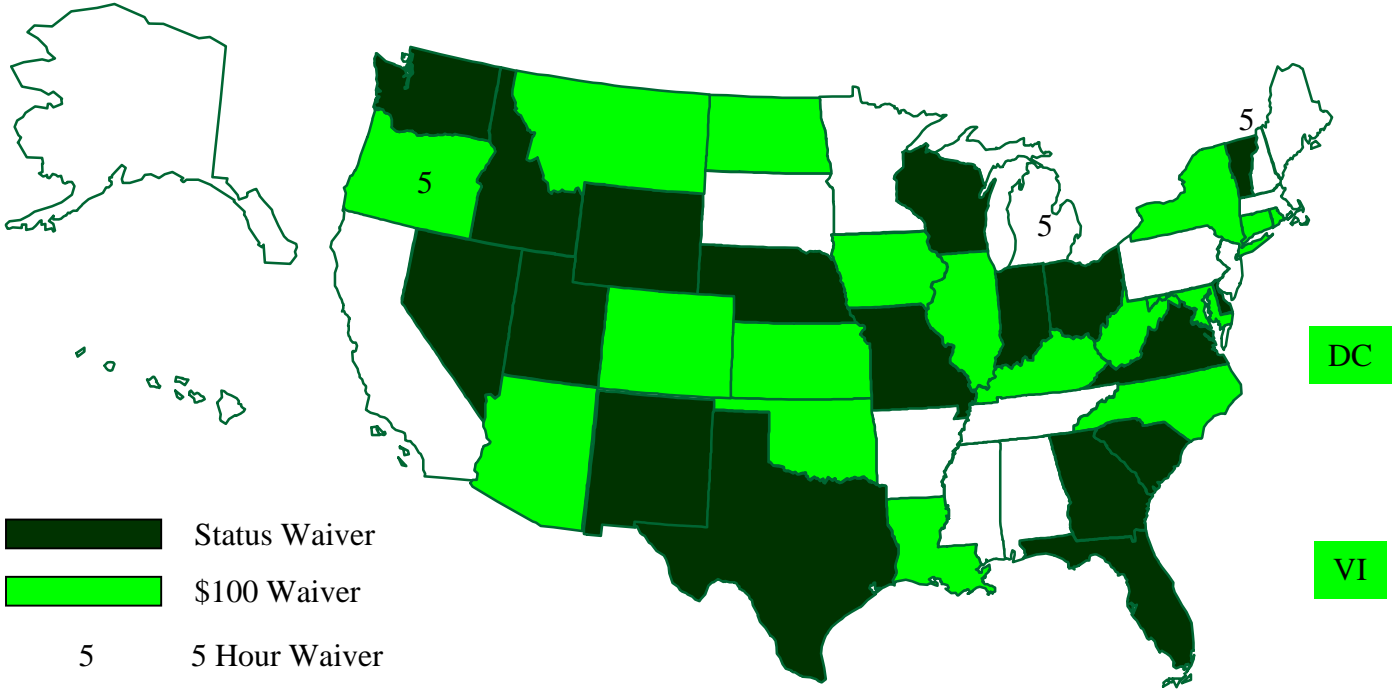
**Reporting Options:** State agencies have the option of requiring food stamp participants to report on their financial circumstances at various intervals and in various ways. In the chart below, the first, second, and third columns show States that have chosen to allow participants to report earned income semi-annually, quarterly, or monthly, respectively. Column four shows States with waivers that allow participants to report changes in the source, wage rate, or status (from full time to part-time or vice versa) of earned income. Column five shows States that allow participants to report increases or decreases of 5 or more hours of employment per week. Column six shows States that require participants to report changes of \$100 or more in earned income per month. Column seven shows States that allow participants to average unearned income from private sources--such as alimony payments--over a 12 month period, or require participants to report changes of \$100 or more in unearned income from private sources.

REPORTING OPTIONS						
Semi-annual reporting [19]	Quarterly reporting [6]	Monthly Reporting [9]	Status waiver [18]	5 hour waiver [3]	\$100 waiver (earned) [21]	Unearned Income [10]
CO*, DC, DE, GA, KY, LA, MI, MD, MO*, MT, NE, NH, NJ, NY*, OH, OK, TN, WV, WY  * By regulation	AL, AR, IL, MA*, NM, SC*,  *Universal	CA, HI, IA, KS, MA, MN, MS, PA, SD	DE, FL, GA, ID, IN, MO, NE, NM, NV, OH, SC, TX, UT, VA, VT, WA, WI, WY	MI, OR, VT	AZ, CO, CT, DC, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MT, NC, ND, NY, OK, OR, RI, VI, WV, OH (\$80)	Averaged: NE, VA, WY  \$100 change AZ, CT, LA, MD, NY, SC, VI

**STATES WITH MONTHLY, QUARTERLY, OR SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTING**



### STATES WITH REPORTING WAIVERS

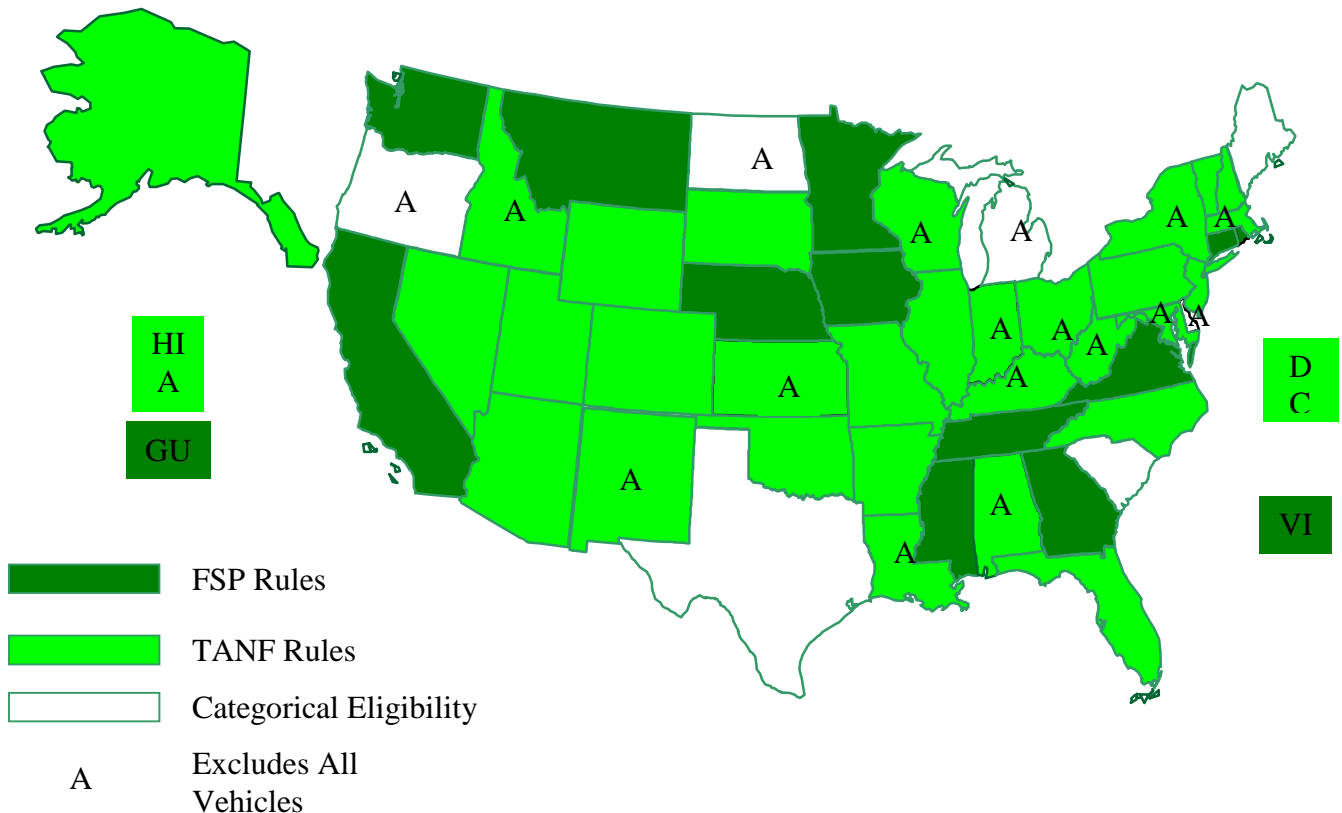




**Substitution of TANF Vehicle Policies:** State agencies have the option of substituting the vehicle rules they use in their TANF programs for the food stamp vehicle rules when doing so results in a lower attribution of assets to households. Seven States provide a TANF/MOE-funded benefit to some or all food stamp households, making them categorically eligible for food stamps without regard to their assets.

Keeping Food Stamp Policy [13]	Aligning to Cash Assistance [26]	Aligning to Child Care [6]	Categorical Eligibility [7]
CA*, GA*, GU, IA, MN*, MS, MT, NE*, RI*, TN, VI, VA, WA*	AK, <i>AL</i> , AR, AZ, CO, CT, <i>DC</i> , FL, HI, IL, <i>KS</i> , <i>KY</i> , <i>LA</i> , <i>MD</i> , <i>MO</i> , NC, NH, NJ, NV, <i>OH</i> , OK, PA, SD, UT, VT, WY	<i>ID</i> , <i>IN</i> , <i>MA</i> , <i>NM</i> , <i>NY</i> *, <i>WI</i> , <i>WV</i>	<i>DE</i> , ME*, <i>MI</i> , <i>ND</i> , <i>OR</i> , SC,* TX
* States considering a change to TANF policy  MT has a waiver that excludes 1 vehicle per household	<i>Excludes all vehicles</i>	* Aligning to Foster Care [1]  <i>Excludes all vehicles</i>	* For certain FS Participants  <i>Excludes all vehicles</i>

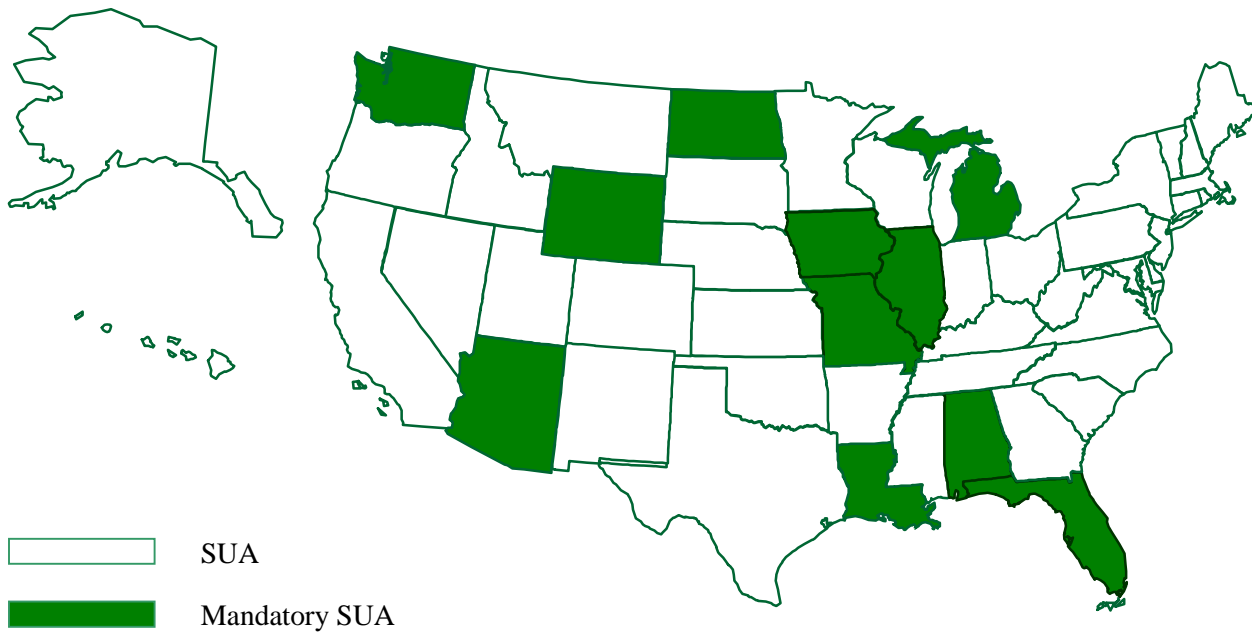
**STATE VEHICLE POLICY CHOICES**



**Standard Utility Allowances:** In determining the amount of a household’s excess shelter deduction, State agencies can base a utility allowance on actual utility expenses or develop a standard utility allowance. Further, State agencies can make their standard utility allowances mandatory, or allow households to select either actual expenses or the standard utility allowance. At present, all State agencies except the Virgin Islands have established standard utility allowances. Those with mandatory standard utility allowances are: Arizona, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Louisiana, Michigan, Missouri, North Dakota, Washington, and Wyoming.

Standard Utility Allowances	
Mandatory [11]	Standard [40]
AL, AZ, FL, IL, IA, LA, MI, MO, ND, WA, WY	All others except Virgin Islands and Guam

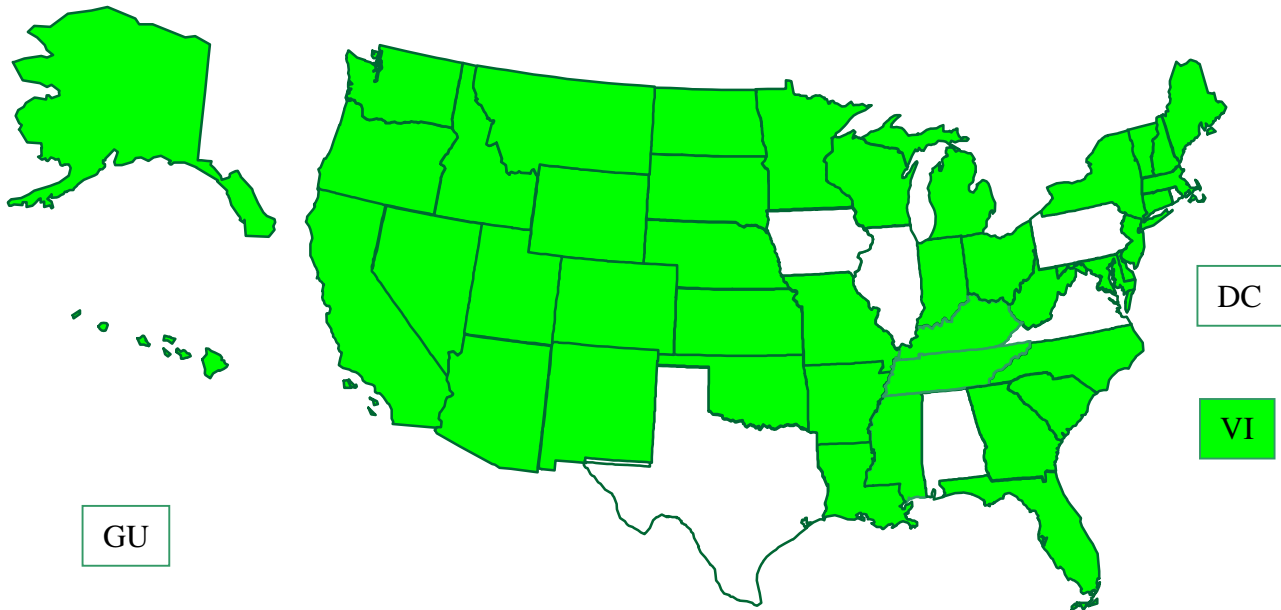
**STATES WITH STANDARD UTILITY ALLOWANCES**



**Expanded Categorical Eligibility:** Households where all members benefit from cash assistance provided through the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program are categorically eligible for food stamps. State agencies have the option to expand categorical eligibility so that households receiving TANF services other than cash assistance are categorically eligible for food stamps.

EXPANDED CATEGORICAL ELIGIBILITY																	
States with Expanded Categorical Eligibility [44]								No Expanded Categorical Eligibility (includes States that are considering expanded CE, but have not made a decision at this time) [9]									
AK	AR	AZ	CA	CO	CT	DE	FL	AL	DC	GU	IA	IL	PA				
GA	HI	ID	IN	KS	KY	LA	MA	RI	TX	VA							
MD	ME	MI	MN	MO	MS	MT	NC										
ND	NE	NH	NJ	NM	NV	NY	OH										
OK	OR	SC	SD	TN	UT	VI	VT										
WA	WI	WV	WY														

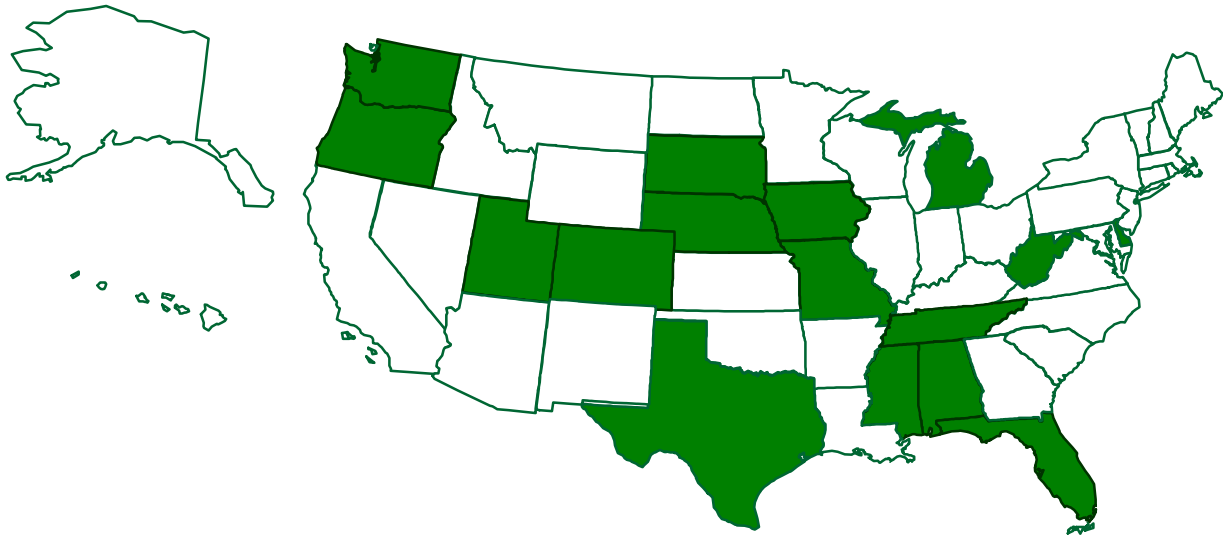
### STATES WITH EXPANDED CATEGORICAL ELIGIBILITY



**E&T Pledge States:** As of October 1, 2001, 16 State agencies are operating their Food Stamp Employment and Training (E&T) Programs under an alternative to the maximum component reimbursement rates. The 16 States “pledge” to offer every able-bodied adult without dependents (ABAWD) applicant and recipient subject to the 3-month participation limit a qualifying education, training, or workfare opportunity that would allow them to remain eligible for food stamps. In return they are authorized to pay for creating these opportunities without regard to the current maximum allowable rates of \$175 for an offer accepted by an ABAWD and \$30 for an offer that is turned down.

E&T PLEDGE STATES [16]															
AL	CO	DE	FL	IA	MI	MO	MS	NE	OR	SD	TN	TX	UT	WA	WV

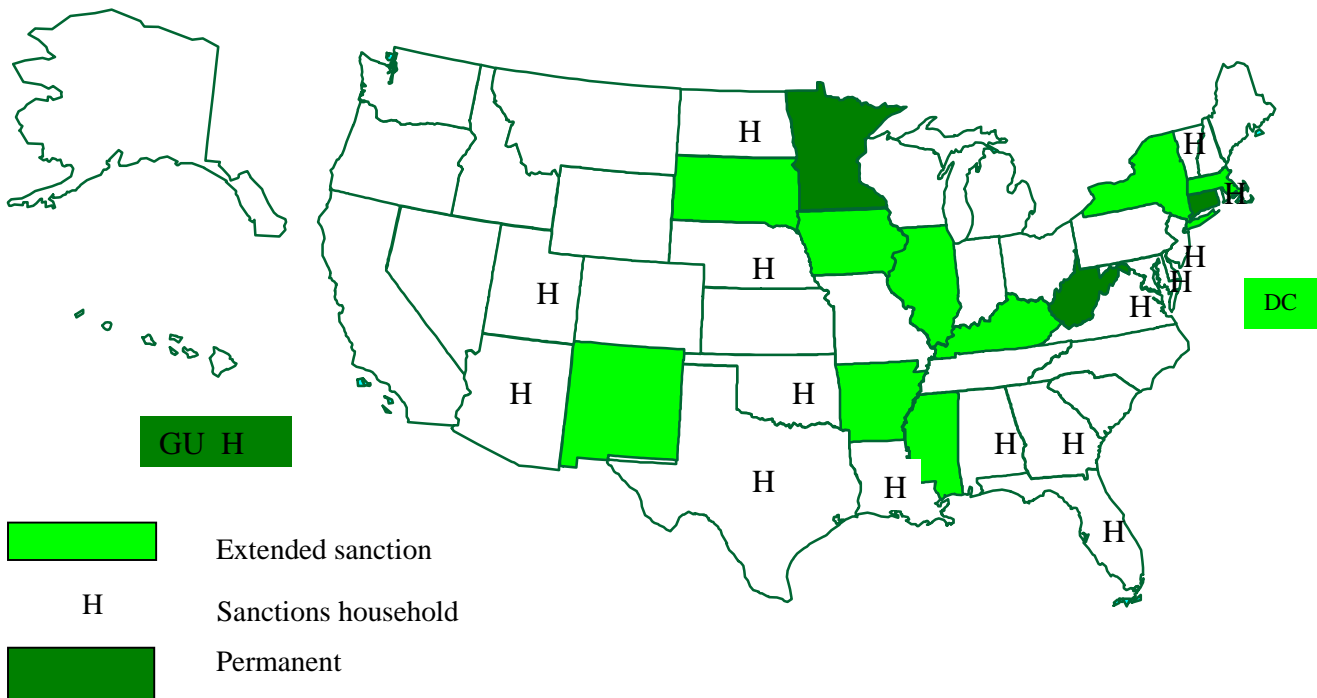
**E&T PLEDGE STATES**



**E&T Sanctions:** Food stamp policy gives States the option to set disqualification periods longer than the minimum mandatory periods prescribed by law; for a third occurrence, States can make the disqualification permanent. States also have the option of applying the sanction to the entire household when the head of household fails to meet E&T requirements. The mandatory disqualification periods are 1 month for the first occurrence, 3 months for the second occurrence, and six months for the third occurrence. In the State-by-State tables in Section 2, each State's choices are shown by the number of months for each occurrence; e.g. (1-3-6) or (3-6-permanent). The map below shows States that have extended disqualification periods that are longer than the minimum mandatory periods, States that disqualify permanently for the third occurrence, and States that apply the head of household's disqualification to the entire household. [Of the four States that disqualify permanently for a third offense, all but Minnesota have extended disqualification periods.]

Extended E&T Sanctions		
Extended Sanctions [14]	Disqualifies Household [16]	Disqualifies Permanently [4]
AR, CT, DC, GU, IA, IL, KY, MA, MI, MS, NM, NY, SD, WV	AL, AZ, DE, FL, GA, LA, MA, MS, ND, NE, NJ, OK, TX, UT, VA, VT	CT, GU, MN, WV

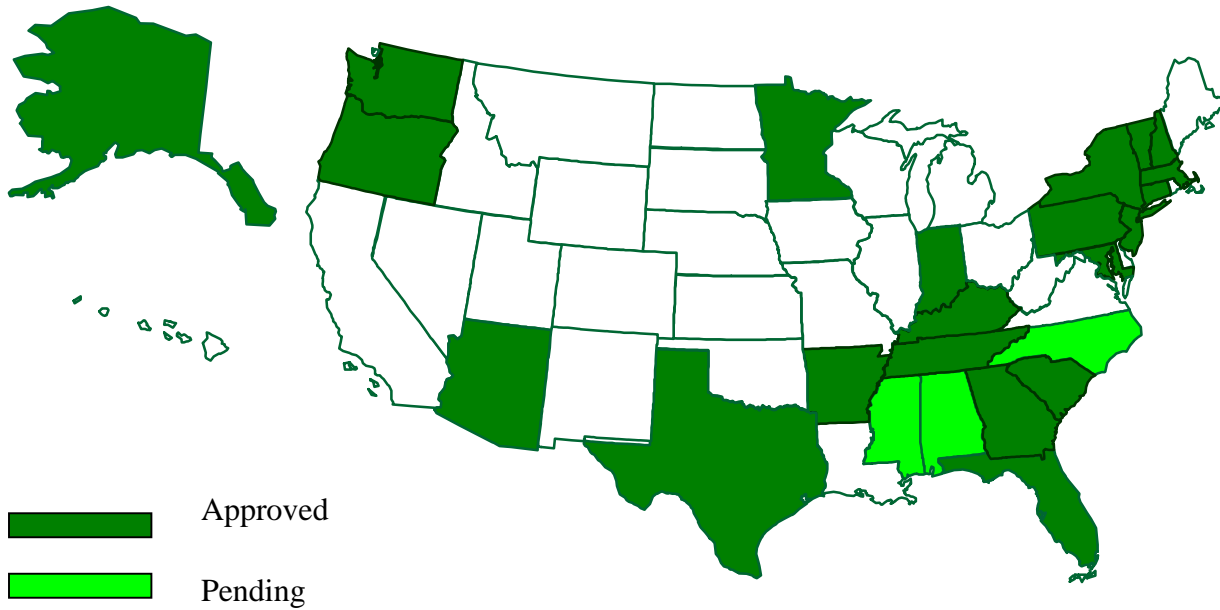
**STATES WITH EXTENDED E&T SANCTION PERIODS**



**Approved Nutrition Education and Outreach Plans:** FNS has approved Nutrition Education plans for all States except Alaska, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Guam, and the Virgin Islands. FNS has also approved plans for outreach activities intended to increase program participation for 19 States; outreach plans for 5 additional States are under review.

Approved Nutrition Education and Outreach Plans		
Approved Nutrition Education Plans [48]	Approved Outreach Plans [21]	Pending Outreach Plans [3]
All but DC, DE, GU, HI, VI	AK, AR, AZ, CT, FL, GA, IN, KY, MA, MD, MN, NH, NJ, NY, OR, PA, SC, TN, TX, VT, WA	AL, MS, NC

**STATES WITH APPROVED OR PENDING OUTREACH PLANS**



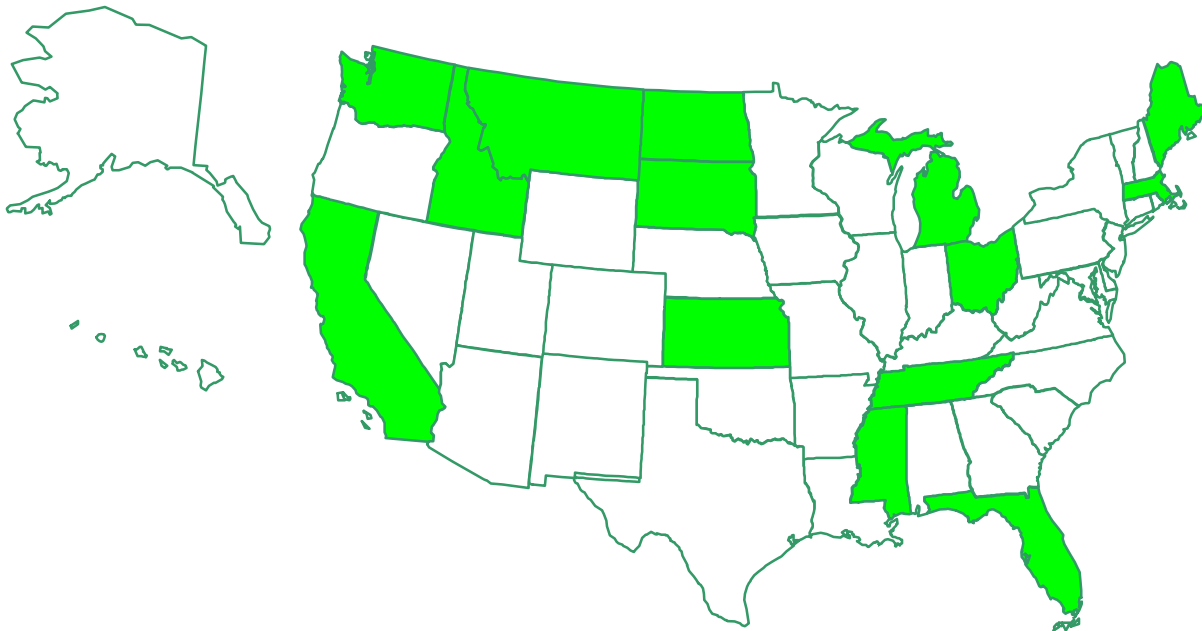
**Transitional Benefit:** State agencies have the option of continuing to provide food stamp benefits, for up to three months, to households leaving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). The benefit continues at the level the household was receiving before leaving TANF.

Currently, only New York has elected to offer the Transitional Benefit.

**Comparable Disqualification:** State agencies may disqualify food stamp participants who fail to perform actions required by other means-tested programs.

States Selecting Option To Disqualify [14]													
CA	FL	ID	KS	MA	ME	MI	MS	MT	ND	OH	SD	TN	WA

**STATES WITH COMPARABLE DISQUALIFICATION**

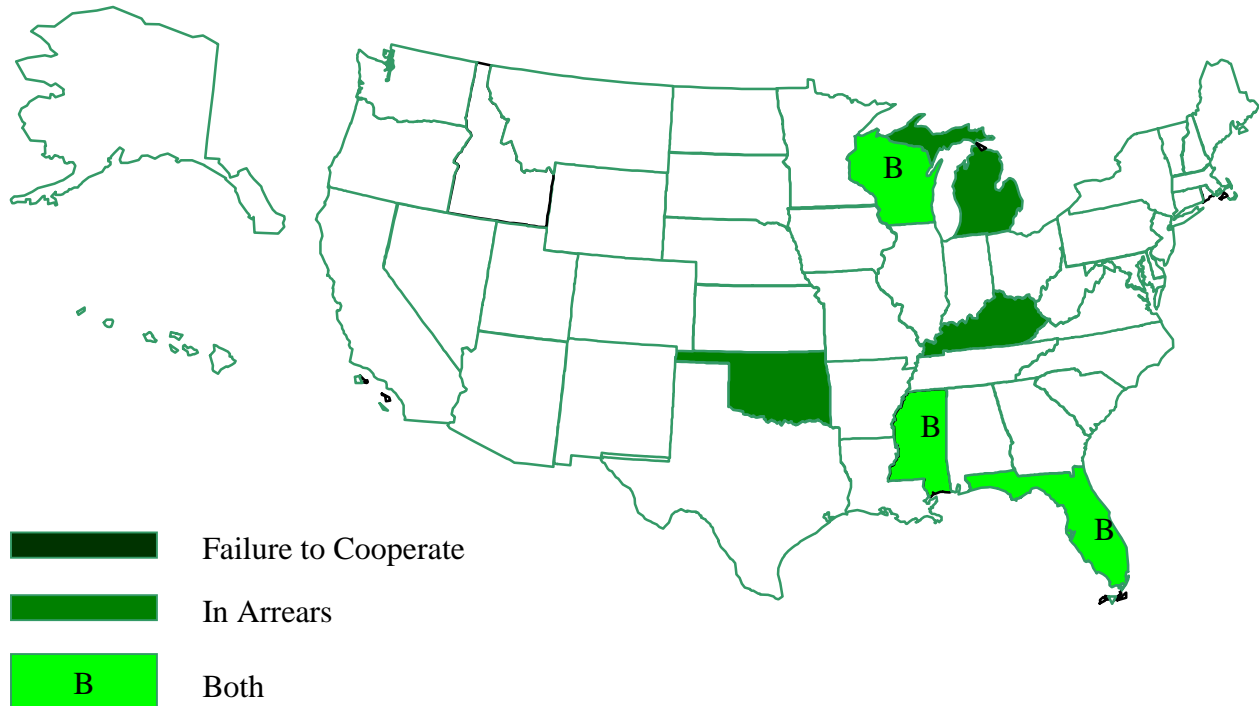




**Child Support:** State agencies have the option to disqualify persons who fail to cooperate with child support agencies, or who are in arrears on child support payments.

States that disqualify persons who fail to cooperate with child support agencies [5]	States that disqualify persons who are in arrears in court-ordered child support [4]
MI* WI FL KY MS	WI FL** MS OK
* Custodial parents only	** Non-custodial parents only

**CHILD SUPPORT DISQUALIFICATIONS**



**SUMMARY TABLE**

OPTION	NUMBER OF STATES
Comparable Disqualification	14
Child support: Failure to cooperate	5
Child support: In arrears on payments	4
Child support: Both	3
Limited simplified food stamp program	10
Wage supplementation	4
Semi-annual reporting	19
Quarterly reporting	6
Monthly reporting	9
Status waiver for change reporting	18
5 hour waiver for change reporting	3
\$100 waiver for change reporting (earned)	21
\$100 waiver for change reporting (unearned)	7
Averaged unearned income	3
No reporting waivers	8
Vehicle policy: FSP	13
Vehicle policy: TANF Cash Assistance	26
Vehicle policy: Child Care	6
Vehicle policy: Foster Care	1
Vehicle policy: via categorical eligibility	7
Vehicle policy: excludes all vehicles	19
Standard utility allowance	40
Mandatory standard utility allowance	11
Expanded categorical eligibility	44
E&T pledge States	16
Extended E&T sanction periods	14
Sanctions H/H for E&T violation	16
Permanent sanction for 3 <sup>rd</sup> E&T violation	4
Approved nutrition education plans	48
Approved outreach plans	21
Transitional benefit	1

## **SECTION TWO**

**ALABAMA**

OPTION	CHOICE
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child support	No
Limited simplified food stamp program	No
Wage supplementation	No
Reporting	Quarterly
Vehicle policy	Cash Assistance (Excludes all vehicles)
Standard utility allowance	Mandatory
Expanded categorical eligibility	No
E&T pledge State	Yes
E&T sanctions	1-3-6; Disqualifies household
Approved nutrition education or outreach plans	Nutrition education
Transitional benefit	No

**ALASKA**

OPTION	CHOICE
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child support	No
Limited simplified food stamp program	No
Wage supplementation	No
Reporting	No reporting waivers
Vehicle policy	Cash Assistance
Standard utility allowance	Yes
Expanded categorical eligibility	Yes
E&T pledge State	No
E&T sanctions	1-3-6
Approved nutrition education or outreach plans	Nutrition education; Outreach
Transitional benefit	No

**ARIZONA**

OPTION	CHOICE
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child support	No
Limited simplified food stamp program	No
Wage supplementation	Yes
Reporting	\$100 waiver; \$100 change of unearned income
Vehicle policy	Cash Assistance
Standard utility allowance	Mandatory
Expanded categorical eligibility	Yes
E&T pledge State	No
E&T sanctions	1-3-6; Disqualifies household
Approved nutrition education or outreach plans	Nutrition education; Outreach
Transitional benefit	

**ARKANSAS**

OPTION	CHOICE
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child support	No
Limited simplified food stamp program	No
Wage supplementation	No
Reporting	Quarterly
Vehicle policy	Cash Assistance
Standard utility allowance	Yes
Expanded categorical eligibility	Yes
E&T pledge State	No
E&T sanctions	3-6-12
Approved nutrition education or outreach plans	Nutrition education; Outreach
Transitional benefit	No

**CALIFORNIA**

OPTION	CHOICE
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child support	No
Limited simplified food stamp program	Yes (TANF rules for work requirements)
Wage supplementation	No
Reporting	Monthly
Vehicle policy	FSP
Standard utility allowance	Yes
Expanded categorical eligibility	Yes
E&T pledge State	No
E&T sanctions	1-3-6
Approved nutrition education or outreach plans	Nutrition education
Transitional benefit	No

**COLORADO**

OPTION	CHOICE
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child support	No
Limited simplified food stamp program	No
Wage supplementation	No
Reporting	Semi-annual; \$100 waiver
Vehicle policy	Cash Assistance
Standard utility allowance	Yes
Expanded categorical eligibility	Yes
E&T pledge State	Yes
E&T sanctions	1-3-6
Approved nutrition education or outreach plans	Nutrition education
Transitional benefit	No

**CONNECTICUT**

OPTION	CHOICE
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child support	No
Limited simplified food stamp program	No
Wage supplementation	No
Reporting	\$100 waiver; \$100 change for unearned income
Vehicle policy	Cash Assistance
Standard utility allowance	Yes
Expanded categorical eligibility	Yes
E&T pledge State	No
E&T sanctions	3-6-permanent
Approved nutrition education or outreach plans	Nutrition education; Outreach
Transitional benefit	No

**DELAWARE**

OPTION	CHOICE
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child support	No
Limited simplified food stamp program	Yes (TANF rules for work requirements)
Wage supplementation	No
Reporting	Semi-annual; Status waiver
Vehicle policy	Excludes all vehicles via categorical eligibility
Standard utility allowance	Yes
Expanded categorical eligibility	Yes
E&T pledge State	Yes
E&T sanctions	1-3-6; Disqualifies household
Approved nutrition education or outreach plans	No
Transitional benefit	No

**DISTRICT of COLUMBIA**

OPTION	CHOICE
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child support	No
Limited simplified food stamp program	No
Wage supplementation	No
Reporting	Semi-annual; \$100 waiver
Vehicle policy	Cash Assistance (Excludes All)
Standard utility allowance	Yes
Expanded categorical eligibility	No
E&T pledge State	No
E&T sanctions	2-3-6
Approved nutrition education or outreach plans	No
Transitional benefit	No

**FLORIDA**

OPTION	CHOICE
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child support	Persons failing to cooperate and non-custodial parents who are in arrears
Limited simplified food stamp program	No
Wage supplementation	No
Reporting	Status waiver
Vehicle policy	Cash Assistance
Standard utility allowance	Mandatory
Expanded categorical eligibility	Yes
E&T pledge State	Yes
E&T sanctions	1-3-6; Disqualifies household
Approved nutrition education or outreach plans	Nutrition education; Outreach
Transitional benefit	No



**GEORGIA**

OPTION	CHOICE
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child support	No
Limited simplified food stamp program	Yes (TANF rules for work requirements)
Wage supplementation	No
Reporting	Semi-annual; Status waiver
Vehicle policy	FSP
Standard utility allowance	Yes
Expanded categorical eligibility	Yes
E&T pledge State	No
E&T sanctions	1-3-6; Disqualifies household
Approved nutrition education or outreach plans	Nutrition education; Outreach
Transitional benefit	No

**GUAM**

OPTION	CHOICE
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child support	No
Limited simplified food stamp program	No
Wage supplementation	No
Reporting	No reporting waivers
Vehicle policy	FSP
Standard utility allowance	No
Expanded categorical eligibility	No
E&T pledge State	No
E&T sanctions	3-6-permanent
Approved nutrition education or outreach plans	No
Transitional benefit	No

**HAWAII**

OPTION	CHOICE
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child support	No
Limited simplified food stamp program	No
Wage supplementation	No
Reporting	Monthly; No reporting waivers
Vehicle policy	Cash Assistance
Standard utility allowance	Yes
Expanded categorical eligibility	Yes
E&T pledge State	No
E&T sanctions	1-3-6
Approved nutrition education or outreach plans	No
Transitional benefit	No

**IDAHO**

OPTION	CHOICE
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child support	No
Limited simplified food stamp program	Yes (TANF rules for work requirements)
Wage supplementation	No
Reporting	Status waiver
Vehicle policy	Child Care (Excludes All)
Standard utility allowance	Yes
Expanded categorical eligibility	Yes
E&T pledge State	No
E&T sanctions	1-3-6
Approved nutrition education or outreach plans	Nutrition education
Transitional benefit	No

**ILLINOIS**

OPTION	CHOICE
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child support	No
Limited simplified food stamp program	Yes (Reporting changes)
Wage supplementation	No
Reporting	Quarterly; \$100 waiver
Vehicle policy	Cash Assistance
Standard utility allowance	Mandatory
Expanded categorical eligibility	No
E&T pledge State	No
E&T sanctions	2-3-6
Approved nutrition education or outreach plans	Nutrition education
Transitional benefit	No

**INDIANA**

OPTION	CHOICE
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child support	No
Limited simplified food stamp program	No
Wage supplementation	No
Reporting	Status waiver; \$100 waiver
Vehicle policy	Child Care (Excludes All)
Standard utility allowance	Yes
Expanded categorical eligibility	Yes
E&T pledge State	No
E&T sanctions	1-3-6
Approved nutrition education or outreach plans	Nutrition education; Outreach
Transitional benefit	No

**IOWA**

OPTION	CHOICE
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child support	No
Limited simplified food stamp program	No
Wage supplementation	No
Reporting	Monthly; \$100 waiver
Vehicle policy	FSP
Standard utility allowance	Mandatory
Expanded categorical eligibility	No
E&T pledge State	Yes
E&T sanctions	2-3-6
Approved nutrition education or outreach plans	Nutrition education
Transitional benefit	No

**KANSAS**

OPTION	CHOICE
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child support	No
Limited simplified food stamp program	No
Wage supplementation	No
Reporting	Monthly; \$100 waiver
Vehicle policy	Cash Assistance (Excludes all vehicles)
Standard utility allowance	Yes
Expanded categorical eligibility	Yes
E&T pledge State	No
E&T sanctions	1-3-6
Approved nutrition education or outreach plans	Nutrition education
Transitional benefit	No

**KENTUCKY**

OPTION	CHOICE
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child support	Persons failing to cooperate
Limited simplified food stamp program	No
Wage Supplementation	No
Reporting	Semi-annual; \$100 waiver
Vehicle policy	Cash Assistance (Excludes all vehicles)
Standard utility allowance	Yes
Expanded categorical eligibility	Yes
E&T pledge State	No
E&T sanctions	2-4-6
Approved nutrition education or outreach plans	Nutrition education; Outreach
Transitional benefit	No

**LOUISIANA**

OPTION	CHOICE
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child support	No
Limited simplified food stamp program	No
Wage supplementation	No
Reporting	Semi-annual; \$100 waiver; \$100 changes of unearned income
Vehicle policy	Cash Assistance (Excludes All)
Standard utility allowance	Mandatory
Expanded categorical eligibility	Yes
E&T pledge State	No
E&T sanctions	3-6-6; Disqualifies household
Approved nutrition education or outreach plans	Nutrition education
Transitional benefit	No

**MAINE**

OPTION	CHOICE
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child support	No
Limited simplified food stamp program	Yes (TANF rules for work requirements)
Wage supplementation	No
Reporting	No reporting waivers
Vehicle policy	Categorical eligibility
Standard utility allowance	Yes
Expanded categorical eligibility	Yes
E&T pledge State	No
E&T sanctions	1-3-6
Approved nutrition education or outreach plans	Nutrition education
Transitional benefit	No

**MARYLAND**

OPTION	CHOICE
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child support	No
Limited simplified food stamp program	No
Wage supplementation	No
Reporting	Semi-annual; \$100 waiver; \$100 change of unearned income
Vehicle policy	Cash Assistance (Excludes All)
Standard utility allowance	Yes
Expanded categorical eligibility	Yes
E&T pledge State	No
E&T sanctions	1-3-6
Approved nutrition education or outreach plans	Nutrition education; Outreach
Transitional benefit	No

**MASSACHUSETTS**

OPTION	CHOICE
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child support	No
Limited simplified food stamp program	No
Wage supplementation	Yes
Reporting	Quarterly; Monthly
Vehicle policy	Child Care (Excludes All)
Standard utility allowance	Yes
Expanded categorical eligibility	Yes
E&T pledge State	No
E&T sanctions	3-6-12; Disqualifies household
Approved nutrition education or outreach plans	Nutrition education; Outreach
Transitional benefit	No

**MICHIGAN**

OPTION	CHOICE
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child support	Custodial Parents who fail to cooperate
Limited simplified food stamp program	No
Wage supplementation	No
Reporting	Semi-annual; 5-Hour
Vehicle policy	Excludes all vehicles via categorical eligibility
Standard utility allowance	Mandatory
Expanded categorical eligibility	Yes
E&T pledge State	Yes
E&T sanctions	1-6-6
Approved nutrition education or outreach plans	Nutrition education
Transitional benefit	No

**MINNESOTA**

OPTION	CHOICE
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child support	No
Limited simplified food stamp program	No
Wage supplementation	No
Reporting	Monthly; No reporting waivers
Vehicle policy	FSP
Standard utility allowance	Yes
Expanded categorical eligibility	Yes
E&T pledge State	No
E&T sanctions	1-3-permanent
Approved nutrition education or outreach plans	Nutrition education; Outreach
Transitional benefit	No

**MISSISSIPPI**

OPTION	CHOICE
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child support	Persons failing to cooperate or in arrears
Limited simplified food stamp program	Yes (TANF rules for work requirements)
Wage supplementation	No
Reporting	Monthly; No reporting waivers
Vehicle policy	FSP
Standard utility allowance	Yes
Expanded categorical eligibility	Yes
E&T pledge State	Yes
E&T sanctions	2-6-12; Disqualifies household
Approved nutrition education or outreach plans	Nutrition education
Transitional benefit	No



**MISSOURI**

OPTION	CHOICE
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child support	No
Limited simplified food stamp program	No
Wage supplementation	No
Reporting	Semi-annual; status waiver
Vehicle policy	Cash Assistance (Excludes all vehicles)
Standard utility allowance	Mandatory
Expanded categorical eligibility	Yes
E&T pledge State	Yes
E&T sanctions	1-3-6
Approved nutrition education or outreach plans	Nutrition education
Transitional benefit	No

**MONTANA**

OPTION	CHOICE
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child support	No
Limited simplified food stamp program	No
Wage supplementation	No
Reporting	Semi-annual; \$100 waiver
Vehicle policy	Waiver excludes 1 vehicle per household
Standard utility allowance	Yes
Expanded categorical eligibility	Yes
E&T pledge State	No
E&T sanctions	1-3-6
Approved nutrition education or outreach plans	Nutrition education
Transitional benefit	No

**NEBRASKA**

OPTION	CHOICE
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child support	No
Limited simplified food stamp program	No
Wage supplementation	No
Reporting	Semi-annual; Status waiver; averaged unearned income
Vehicle policy	FSP
Standard utility allowance	Yes
Expanded categorical eligibility	Yes
E&T pledge State	Yes
E&T sanctions	1-3-6; Disqualifies household
Approved nutrition education or outreach plans	Nutrition education
Transitional benefit	No

**NEVADA**

OPTION	CHOICE
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child support	No
Limited simplified food stamp program	No
Wage supplementation	No
Reporting	Status waiver
Vehicle policy	Cash Assistance
Standard utility allowance	Yes
Expanded categorical eligibility	Yes
E&T pledge State	No
E&T sanctions	1-3-6
Approved nutrition education or outreach plans	Nutrition education
Transitional benefit	No

**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

OPTION	CHOICE
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child support	No
Limited simplified food stamp program	No
Wage supplementation	No
Reporting	Semi-annual
Vehicle policy	Cash Assistance
Standard utility allowance	Yes
Expanded categorical eligibility	Yes
E&T pledge State	No
E&T sanctions	1-3-6
Approved nutrition education or outreach plans	Nutrition education; Outreach
Transitional benefit	No

**NEW JERSEY**

OPTION	CHOICE
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child support	No
Limited simplified food stamp program	Yes (TANF rules for work requirements)
Wage supplementation	No
Reporting	Semi-annual
Vehicle policy	Cash Assistance
Standard utility allowance	Yes
Expanded categorical eligibility	Yes
E&T pledge State	No
E&T sanctions	1-3-6; Disqualifies household
Approved nutrition education or outreach plans	Nutrition education; Outreach
Transitional benefit	No

**NEW MEXICO**

OPTION	CHOICE
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child support	No
Limited simplified food stamp program	No
Wage supplementation	No
Reporting	Quarterly; Status waiver
Vehicle policy	Child Care (Excludes All)
Standard utility allowance	Yes
Expanded categorical eligibility	Yes
E&T pledge State	No
E&T sanctions	3-6-12
Approved nutrition education or outreach plans	Nutrition education
Transitional benefit	No

**NEW YORK**

OPTION	CHOICE
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child support	No
Limited simplified food stamp program	Yes (TANF rules for work requirements)
Wage supplementation	No
Reporting	Semi-annual; \$100 waiver; \$100 change of unearned income
Vehicle policy	Foster Care
Standard utility allowance	Yes
Expanded categorical eligibility	Yes
E&T pledge State	No
E&T sanctions	2-4-6
Approved nutrition education or outreach plans	Nutrition education; Outreach
Transitional benefit	Yes

**NORTH CAROLINA**

OPTION	CHOICE
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child support	No
Limited simplified food stamp program	Yes (TANF rules for work requirements)
Wage supplementation	Yes
Reporting	\$100 waiver
Vehicle policy	Cash Assistance
Standard utility allowance	Yes
Expanded categorical eligibility	Yes
E&T pledge State	No
E&T sanctions	1-3-6
Approved nutrition education or outreach plans	Nutrition education
Transitional benefit	No

**NORTH DAKOTA**

OPTION	CHOICE
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child support	No
Limited simplified food stamp program	No
Wage supplementation	No
Reporting	\$100 waiver
Vehicle policy	Excludes all vehicles via categorical eligibility
Standard utility allowance	Mandatory
Expanded categorical eligibility	Yes
E&T pledge State	No
E&T sanctions	1-3-6; Disqualifies household
Approved nutrition education or outreach plans	Nutrition education
Transitional benefit	No

**OHIO**

OPTION	CHOICE
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child support	No
Limited simplified food stamp program	No
Wage supplementation	No
Reporting	Semi-annual; Status waiver; \$80 waiver
Vehicle policy	Cash Assistance (Excludes all vehicles)
Standard utility allowance	Yes
Expanded categorical eligibility	Yes
E&T pledge State	No
E&T sanctions	1-3-6
Approved nutrition education or outreach plans	Nutrition education
Transitional benefit	No

**OKLAHOMA**

OPTION	CHOICE
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child support	Persons in arrears
Limited simplified food stamp program	No
Wage supplementation	No
Reporting	Semi-annual; \$100 waiver
Vehicle policy	Cash Assistance
Standard utility allowance	Yes
Expanded categorical eligibility	Yes
E&T pledge State	No
E&T sanctions	1-3-6; Disqualifies household
Approved nutrition education or outreach plans	Nutrition education
Transitional benefit	No

**OREGON**

OPTION	CHOICE
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child support	No
Limited simplified food stamp program	No
Wage supplementation	Yes
Reporting	\$100 waiver; 5-hour waiver
Vehicle policy	Excludes all vehicles via categorical eligibility
Standard utility allowance	Yes
Expanded categorical eligibility	Yes
E&T pledge State	Yes
E&T sanctions	1-3-6
Approved nutrition education or outreach plans	Nutrition education; Outreach
Transitional benefit	No

**PENNSYLVANIA**

OPTION	CHOICE
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child support	No
Limited simplified food stamp program	No
Wage supplementation	No
Reporting	Monthly; No reporting waivers
Vehicle policy	Cash Assistance
Standard utility allowance	No
Expanded categorical eligibility	No
E&T pledge State	No
E&T sanctions	1-3-6
Approved nutrition education or outreach plans	Nutrition education; Outreach
Transitional benefit	No

**RHODE ISLAND**

OPTION	CHOICE
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child support	No
Limited simplified food stamp program	No
Wage supplementation	No
Reporting	\$100 waiver
Vehicle policy	FSP
Standard utility allowance	Yes
Expanded categorical eligibility	No
E&T pledge State	No
E&T sanctions	1-3-6
Approved nutrition education or outreach plans	Nutrition education
Transitional benefit	No

**SOUTH CAROLINA**

OPTION	CHOICE
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child support	No
Limited simplified food stamp program	No
Wage supplementation	No
Reporting	Quarterly; status waiver; \$100 change of unearned income
Vehicle policy	Categorical eligibility
Standard utility allowance	Yes
Expanded categorical eligibility	Yes
E&T pledge State	No
E&T sanctions	1-3-6
Approved nutrition education or outreach plans	Nutrition education; Outreach
Transitional benefit	No



**SOUTH DAKOTA**

OPTION	CHOICE
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child support	No
Limited simplified food stamp program	No
Wage supplementation	No
Reporting	Monthly; No reporting waivers
Vehicle policy	Cash Assistance
Standard utility allowance	Yes
Expanded categorical eligibility	Yes
E&T pledge State	Yes
E&T sanctions	1-6-12
Approved nutrition education or outreach plans	Nutrition education
Transitional benefit	No

**TENNESSEE**

OPTION	CHOICE
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child support	No
Limited simplified food stamp program	No
Wage supplementation	No
Reporting	Semi-annual
Vehicle policy	FSP
Standard utility allowance	Yes
Expanded categorical eligibility	Yes
E&T pledge State	Yes
E&T sanctions	1-3-6
Approved nutrition education or outreach plans	Nutrition education; Outreach
Transitional benefit	No

**TEXAS**

OPTION	CHOICE
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child support	No
Limited simplified food stamp program	No
Wage supplementation	No
Reporting	Status waiver
Vehicle policy	Categorical Eligibility
Standard utility allowance	Yes
Expanded categorical eligibility	No
E&T pledge State	Yes
E&T sanctions	1-3-6; Disqualifies household
Approved nutrition education or outreach plans	Nutrition education; Outreach
Transitional benefit	No

**UTAH**

OPTION	CHOICE
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child support	No
Limited simplified food stamp program	No
Wage supplementation	No
Reporting	Status waiver
Vehicle policy	Cash Assistance
Standard utility allowance	Yes
Expanded categorical eligibility	Yes
E&T pledge State	Yes
E&T sanctions	1-3-6; Disqualifies household
Approved nutrition education or outreach plans	Nutrition education
Transitional benefit	No

**VERMONT**

OPTION	CHOICE
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child support	No
Limited simplified food stamp program	No
Wage supplementation	No
Reporting	Status waiver; 5-Hour
Vehicle policy	Cash Assistance
Standard utility allowance	Yes
Expanded categorical eligibility	Yes
E&T pledge State	No
E&T sanctions	1-3-6; Disqualifies household
Approved nutrition education or outreach plans	Nutrition education; Outreach
Transitional benefit	No

**VIRGINIA**

OPTION	CHOICE
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child support	No
Limited simplified food stamp program	No
Wage supplementation	No
Reporting	Status waiver; averaged unearned income
Vehicle policy	FSP
Standard utility allowance	Yes
Expanded categorical eligibility	No
E&T pledge State	No
E&T sanctions	1-3-6; Disqualifies household
Approved nutrition education or outreach plans	Nutrition education
Transitional benefit	No

**VIRGIN ISLANDS**

OPTION	CHOICE
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child support	No
Limited simplified food stamp program	No
Wage supplementation	No
Reporting	\$100 waiver; \$100 change of unearned income
Vehicle policy	FSP
Standard utility allowance	None
Expanded categorical eligibility	Yes
E&T pledge State	No
E&T sanctions	1-3-6
Approved nutrition education or outreach plans	None
Transitional benefit	No

**WASHINGTON**

OPTION	CHOICE
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child support	No
Limited simplified food stamp program	No
Wage supplementation	No
Reporting	Status waiver
Vehicle policy	FSP
Standard utility allowance	Mandatory
Expanded categorical eligibility	Yes
E&T pledge State	Yes
E&T sanctions	1-3-6
Approved nutrition education or outreach plans	Nutrition education; Outreach
Transitional benefit	No

**WEST VIRGINIA**

OPTION	CHOICE
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child support	No
Limited simplified food stamp program	No
Wage supplementation	No
Reporting	Semi-annual; \$100 waiver
Vehicle policy	Child Care (Excludes All)
Standard utility allowance	Yes
Expanded categorical eligibility	Yes
E&T pledge State	Yes
E&T sanctions	3-6-permanent
Approved nutrition education or outreach plans	Nutrition education
Transitional benefit	No

**WISCONSIN**

OPTION	CHOICE
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child support	Non-custodial parents who fail to cooperate or are in arrears
Limited simplified food stamp program	No
Wage supplementation	No
Reporting	Status waiver
Vehicle policy	Child Care (Excludes all vehicles)
Standard utility allowance	Yes
Expanded categorical eligibility	Yes
E&T pledge State	No
E&T sanctions	1-3-6
Approved nutrition education or outreach plans	Nutrition education
Transitional benefit	No

**WYOMING**

OPTION	CHOICE
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child support	No
Limited simplified food stamp program	No
Wage supplementation	No
Reporting	Semi-annual; Status waiver; averaged unearned income
Vehicle policy	Cash Assistance
Standard utility allowance	Mandatory
Expanded categorical eligibility	Yes
E&T pledge States	No
E&T sanctions	1-3-6
Approved nutrition education or outreach plans	Nutrition education
Transitional benefit	No

