



# Food Distribution National Policy Memorandum

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Food and  
Nutrition  
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**POLICY NO:** FD-092: Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)

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**SUBJECT:** Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Cash Payment Pilot Projects (SNAP Pilot Projects) and Work Supplementation or Support Programs (SNAP Work Programs) Benefits

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This memorandum clarifies the eligibility of households to participate in FDPIR when one, or more, members of the FDPIR household receives SNAP benefits through SNAP Pilot Projects or SNAP Work Programs. Attached are descriptions of the SNAP Pilot Projects and SNAP Work Programs.

Section 4(b) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (FNA) and FDPIR regulations at 7 CFR 253.5(a)(2)(i) prohibit households from participating simultaneously in SNAP and FDPIR. Therefore, individuals or households that participate in either the SNAP Pilot Projects or SNAP Work Programs are ineligible to participate in FDPIR.

If you have any questions with regard to the information contained in this memorandum, please do not hesitate to contact Michelle Waters or Nancy Theodore at (703) 305-2662.

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Attachment

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SNAP Cash Payment Pilot Projects (SNAP Pilot Projects): Section 17(b)(1)(B)(vi) of the FNA authorizes SNAP Pilot Projects, which currently operate in Minnesota, Ohio, Oregon, Utah, and Vermont. SNAP benefits are issued to certified eligible recipients in the form of an “allotment.” Through SNAP Pilot Projects, SNAP allotments are issued as cash payments. In addition to meeting all other SNAP eligibility requirements, criteria for participation in the SNAP Pilot Projects include that all members of an eligible household must either be age sixty-five or over or be entitled to supplemental security income benefits under title XVI of the Social Security Act.

SNAP Work Supplementation or Support Programs (SNAP Work Programs): The FNA, at section 16(b), authorizes SNAP Work Programs, through which SNAP benefits are “provided to an employer to be used for hiring and employing a public assistance recipient who was not employed by the employer at the time the public assistance recipient entered the program.” In order to participate in SNAP Work Programs, a household must first be certified eligible to participate in SNAP. The State agency may then elect to use an amount equal to the SNAP allotment which would otherwise be issued to the household in order to subsidize or support a job for a household member. The household does not receive a separate SNAP allotment for the period during which a household member participates in the SNAP Work Program. Currently, only two States operate SNAP Work Programs: Arizona and Oregon.