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1600.00.00 CATEGORIES OF ASSISTANCE

This chapter of the manual provides information regarding the SNAP and TANF programs. It also defines each specific TANF category under which a person/family can qualify.

The main sections in this chapter are:

- Categories of Assistance (Section 1600)
- Cash Assistance (Section 1605)
- SNAP (Section 1630)

1605.00.00 CASH ASSISTANCE (C)

Two programs provide Cash Assistance in Indiana:

- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA).

The specific categories are discussed in the following sections.

1605.05.00 REGULAR TANF (C)

To be eligible in this category one or both of the child's parents will be absent from the home.

1605.10.00 TWO-PARENT TANF (C)

To be eligible in this category the assistance group will include both parents. (f1)

1605.20.00 REFUGEE CASH ASSISTANCE (C)

Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA) is limited to those individuals who meet immigration status and identification requirements as a refugee and who are not eligible for cash assistance under the TANF programs. (f2)

Refugees who are 65 years of age or older, or who are disabled or blind, must be referred to the Social Security Administration (SSA) to apply for Supplemental Security Income (SSI). Cash Assistance may be provided until SSI is approved. Effective May 5, 2025, assistance under this category is limited to the first four months the refugee is in the United States.

1630.00.00 SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (S)

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) assistance groups (AGs) are known as either Non-Assistance (NA) or Public Assistance (PA). The definition of a PA AG is identical to that of categorically eligible AGs. (Reference Section 2410.10.05) All other AGs are non-categorically eligible. The eligibility system will determine if an AG is categorically eligible when all members receive TANF or SSI.

Caseworkers need to recognize which AGs are categorically eligible to correctly apply the different verification standards that apply to PA households.

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(f1) Family Support Act of 1988

(f2) 45 CFR 400.60