

Policy Clarifications
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Subject: Medical Assistance and SNAP benefits for Individuals Subject to the Five Year Bar

Can a disabled qualified alien who is subject to the five year bar be authorized for Medical Assistance as a PD category and can they receive SNAP benefits?

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For Medical Assistance a qualified alien who is subject to the five year bar is barred from Federally-funded benefits for five years from his or her date of entry with a qualified alien status except those individuals under age 21 or pregnant through the postpartum period. PD is a State-funded benefit and is therefore not subject to the five year bar. A qualified alien can receive Medical Assistance as a PD category when the individual has a temporary or permanent physical or mental disability that permanently or temporarily prevents them from working in any job in which they can earn a salary.

Ways for an individual to be considered disabled and eligible for SNAP:

- If an individual has a PA 1663 completed and section II Employability number 1-permanent disability is checked this individual meets the definition of disabled.
- If an individual has a PA 1663 completed and section II Employability number 2 –temporarily disabled 12 months or more is checked this person may meet the definition of disabled if their diagnosis matches any described in the Supplemental Handbook Chapter 820 Appendix A.
- If an individual has a PA 635 completed and section II has box 4-Disabled checked by the physician this individual meets the definition of disabled
- If an individual has a PA 635 completed and section II has box 3-Temporarily Incapacitated checked by the physician and the incapacity is expected to last 12 months or more they may meet the definition of disabled. To meet the definition

of disabled their diagnosis must matches any described in the Supplemental Handbook Chapter 820 Appendix A.

Reminder: Individuals still need to meet all other SNAP eligibility criteria to receive SNAP benefits per SNAPHB 510 and 568

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