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Can you provide clarification of SNAP recipients' eligibility for SPALs for education expenses when they have self-initiated into education? How often should their eligibility be evaluated?

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Per EPP-676-135 and EPP-16504-535: If a SNAP client's self-initiated activity is otherwise approvable and the SPAL expenses are not being paid, then it may be approved and SPALs issued even though the activity began prior to signing the EDP. If the expenses have already been paid, the SNAP-only client is not eligible to have the self-initiated activity approved on the EDP and it should not be supported with SPALs.

Remember: SPALs cannot be issued to reimburse the client for items or services that have already been paid for or obtained. The CAO makes the determination of whether the SNAP E&T activity should be approved and SPALs authorized.

A self-initiated student's need for supportive services (SPALs) should be evaluated each semester/term.