

**Policy Clarifications - Employment & Training -
Policy/Procedure
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Agency: Armstrong CAO

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Citations:

Subject: Vehicle Insurance Required for Car Purchase

[ESA267138](#) states that when evaluating whether it is reasonable to authorize a SPAL for a motor vehicle purchase, you should obtain a positive response from the client regarding their ability to obtain and pay for insurance coverage on that vehicle. In light of the fact that we are no longer paying for car insurance, should this again be a factor in determining eligibility for a vehicle purchase.

Response By: Dale Rosenblat

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The requirement to assess whether a client has a viable plan to obtain and pay for car insurance was not removed from the criteria that CAOs need to consider when determining eligibility for a car purchase. The Department eliminated vehicle insurance as a SPAL for SNAP recipients on May 23, 2011 and for Cash recipients on May 7, 2012, therefore the CAO can no longer authorize a SPAL for vehicle insurance.