

**Policy Clarification**  
**SNAP Assistance – All**  
**PFS-20500-550**

**Submitted:** 5/26/21

**Agency:** CAOs

**Subject:** Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Overpayments

**Question:** Should County Assistance offices (CAOs) include the emergency allotments (EA) and include the 15 percent increase from the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 in overpayment calculations?

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**Response By:** DFPPM

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Effective January 1, 2021, The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 temporarily increased the maximum benefit allotment by 15 percent. Policy has received clarification from Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) that when calculating overpayment claims the extra 15 percent benefit increase may not be included. ARRC cannot automatically calculate the claims to exclude the 15 percent increase, which means all SNAP overpayment claims will need to be completed manually using the Thrifty Food Plan amounts that were effective October 1, 2020.

The emergency allotment should be included in the calculation of the overpayment claim if the household size was incorrect or if the household was ineligible for SNAP. Over issuances of SNAP benefits cannot be collected from EAs. The only way a claim can be established and collected from EAs is if a household receives EA benefits to which it was not entitled.