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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.~~
meets the definition of disabled.

- 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.~~ **this individual meets the definition of disabled.**

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

This policy clarification obsoletes PCG15907105, PMG15907305, and PFS15907522.