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The following changes were made to Chapter 1, 2, 9 and 13 as a result of issuance of final Food Stamp regulations.

Section 1.4,R,3,a: Drug felons were added to the list of individuals whose presence does not prevent the remaining members from being categorically eligible. A NOTE was added that SSI recipients who are convicted of a felony drug offense as specified in Section 9.1,A,2,f are ineligible to be included in the AG.

Section 2.2,D,11: The requirement for an ABAWD to report hours worked has been reworded.

Section 9.1,A,2: Trafficking penalties have been redefined and corrected. Items h and i were added. Please read these items carefully. All other items after that we relettered. Several of these trafficking disqualifications existed prior to welfare reform, when another group was added, which is considered disqualified by law, as shown in item f. The differences are subtle, but do exist, especially for the drug trafficking penalties.

Section 9.1,A,2,n: Due to the addition of several items, the ABAWD policy is now item n. Several policy changes have been made in the numbered items in item n.

(2): The exemption policy for living with an individual under age 18 has changed.

(3): A clarification of what constitutes work in relation to meeting the ABAWD work requirement has been added.

(5): Text deleted by a previous change has been restored.

Section 9.1,B: Policy on the treatment of income and assets of an ineligible ABAWD has been added.

Section 13.2,A,2: This item was changed due to the necessity to distinguish the treatment of WV WORKS recipients who also receive Food Stamps. Final regulations distinguish between those who are subject to Food Stamp penalties and those who may only be subject to a Food Stamp disqualification for failure to comply with a WV WORKS work requirement. An additional exception to Food Stamp work requirements was added. Although this exemption has always been implied, it is now important to distinguish between those who would be subject to Food Stamp work requirements if they only received Food Stamps and those who would not be.

Section 13.2,B: The examples in this item were moved to Section 13.11 and rewritten.

Section 13.6: Changes were made to indicate which individuals are subject to Food Stamp penalties.

Section 13.11: This section has been rewritten to outline the differences in a Food Stamp penalty and a Food Stamp disqualification and when each is applied for a WV WORKS recipient who fails to comply with a work requirement. A chart is included to aid in understanding the process. Please read this section thoroughly.

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