

# MANUAL MATERIAL TRANSMISSION WV INCOME MAINTENANCE MANUAL

DATE:	December 1, 2007			CHANGE NUMBER:	488
TO:	ALL INCOME MAINTENANCE MANUAL HOLDERS				
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This change was made to implement a change in the length of Food Stamp penalty periods.

No change was made to the first penalty, which remains 3 months. The second penalty was lengthened from 3 months to 6 months. The third and subsequent penalty was shortened from a permanent penalty to 12 months.

Individuals who have received notice of a 3-month second penalty will be allowed to participate after the original 3 months or once they have complied, whichever is later, when compliance is required prior to lifting a penalty.

During conversion, individuals who are in an open AG and have served at least 12 months of a third penalty by 12/31/07 will be added back into the AG effective January 2008. These individuals were never given the opportunity to comply/cooperate due to the previous penalty length are not required to comply in order to regain eligibility. These individuals remain exempt from the work requirements until the next Food Stamp redetermination.

Individuals who are in an open FS AG and have received notice of a permanent penalty, but have served less than 12 months of the penalty as of 12/31/07, will be notified that they may participate after 12 months or once they have complied, whichever is later, when compliance is required prior to lifting a penalty.

For voluntary quit, voluntary reduction of hours and failure to comply with a WV WORKS work requirement when compliance is not required prior to lifting a penalty, the individual will be automatically added back into the AG at the end of the adjusted penalty period.

This change also corrects an excluded type of property which was left out of change #487.

Questions should be directed to the DFA Economic Services Policy Unit.

RAPIDS questions should be directed to the RAPIDS Help Desk.