

RULE

Department of Social Services Office of Family Support

Food Stamp Verification of Eligibility—Waiver (LAC 67:III.1931)

The Department of Social Services, Office of Family Support, has amended the Louisiana Administrative Code, Title 67, Part I, Subpart 3, Food Stamps.

Pursuant to United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Service Waiver #950082, the agency had been given approval to waive Federal Regulation 7 CFR 273.2 (h)(2) which requires that the state agency deny an application for food stamps on the thirtieth day when the household has failed to submit required verification. Food Stamp Program policy has been revised to allow the agency under certain circumstances to deny an application after a period of 10 days from the date of the request for verification. This action allows for more consistent and efficient administration of the program as the 10-day period corresponds to the verification period for Aid to Families with Dependent Children.

Title 67

SOCIAL SERVICES

Part III. Office of Family Support

Subpart 3. Food Stamps

Chapter 19. Certification of Eligible Households

Subchapter B. Application Processing

S1931. Verification of Eligibility

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C. The agency will require verification of necessary information within 10 days. Failure to provide such verification may result in rejection of the application unless the household has requested additional time in which to obtain the verification or assistance in obtaining the verification.

If the case is closed due to failure to submit required verification and the verification is subsequently provided within the initial 30-day period, the application will be reactivated retroactively to the date of application. If the verification is provided in the second 30-day period, the application will be reactivated and benefits will be prorated from the date the missing verification is provided.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with F.R. 46:3194 et seq., 7 CFR 273.2, 7 CFR 273.3.c.(1)(ii).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Resources, Office of Family Security, LR 7:265 (May 1981), amended by the Department of Social Services, Office of Family Support, LR 22: (April 1996).

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