

WA State Option Profiles

FNS State Option Report – June 2009

Pre-SDR waivers	
Waiver Name	Benefit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face-to-face interview waiver • Averaging student work hours • WASHCAP demonstration project • Tribal Administration of SNAP benefits • Early denial - incomplete verification • SSI / OASDI change reporting waiver 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows phone interview instead of face-to-face interview at recertification. Hardship criteria widely used at application. • Allows averaging of student employment hours when determining eligible student status based on working 20 hours per week. • Combined application project for single-person SSI households. Provides standardized income deductions, changes reported to SSA. Serves over 50,000 cases with a handful of staff • Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe is piloting tribal administration of SNAP benefits for tribal members. Started in January 2010. • Deny applications before 30th day if the household does not provide requested verification within 10 days. • Waives requirement for persons receiving benefits from Social Security Administration to report changes in this income source. Our interfaces with SSA are used to automatically update the client's record and adjust benefits accordingly. This has averted some payment errors.
Waivers Implemented To Support SDR	
Waiver Name	Benefit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face-to-face interview waiver • Interview scheduling waiver 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expanded previous waiver to allow telephone interviews in all instances without any hardship requirement. • Removed requirement for offices to establish a fixed time and date for required interview at application or recertification. The household can come in or call at any time during defined interview hours to complete their application or recertification interview. The notice of missed interview (NOMI) requirement was not waived. This is triggered if interview function not started within 2 weeks from date of application on standard apps and within 5 days for expedited service.
Waivers Discussed During SDR Development But Not Pursued	
Waiver Idea	Reason not pursued
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verify HH composition only when questionable. • Expand income level qualifying for expedited service. Perhaps to \$250. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After some consideration by FNS, it was determined that this was allowable under current regulations and no waiver was needed. • Not pursued as FNS does not have the authority to approve such a waiver. Eligibility for expedited service is established in the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008.

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