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Acceptable verification shall not be limited to any single type of document and may be obtained through the household or other source.

The household must be given the LDSS-2642 and allowed at least 10 days to provide verification before any action is taken.

### **Expedited Processing:**

Every effort must be made to obtain the verification within the mandated timeframes (5 days), however all verification can be pended except the verification of <u>identity</u> (individual being interviewed only).

### **Normal Application Processing:**

The following is a list of eligibility factors that must be verified prior to <u>certifying</u> <u>households</u> initially applying:

- Identity of person interviewed
- Residence
- Household size
- Earned income
- Unearned income
- Resources

Eligibility factors that must be verified before an individual can participate:

- Citizenship and alien status
- Social security number \*
- Date of Birth (age) \*

Eligibility factors that must be verified to exempt an individual from work registration:

- Disability /incapacity
- School attendance (16 yrs. or older)

<sup>\*</sup> If SSN and date of birth are declared, verification may be pended until recert

The following expenses cannot be allowed as deductions, when calculating the budget, unless verified:

- Shelter expenses
- SUA: Only that an expense is incurred (minimally, they'll qualify for the phone SUA regardless)
- Medical expenses
- Dependent care costs

\* If verification of the above expenses is not provided, determine eligibility and benefit amount without them.

<u>Verification provided in the 2<sup>nd</sup> 30 days</u>: eligibility begins on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month that the verification is provided.

#### At Recertification:

Unchanged information shall not be verified unless the information is incomplete, inaccurate, inconsistent or outdated.

Changes in the following must be verified prior to recertifying households:

- Income: source or amt. has changed by more than \$50.00
- Medical expenses have changed by more than \$25.00
- Dependent care costs: provider or amt. has changed
- Shelter costs: Moved or amt. has changed
- SUA: Moved (only must verify that an expense is incurred)

Social Security number/ Date of birth must be verified for:

- New household members
- Household members where verification had previously been pended

<u>Verification provided in the  $2^{nd}$  30 days</u>: eligibility begins on the date the verification is provided.