

MINNESOTA FAMILY SUPPORT & RECOVERY COUNCIL

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GA and Child Support

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General Assistance - GA

- State funded program that provides a small monthly cash grant to those who are ineligible for federally funded assistance programs.
- Helps those with little or no income meet their basic needs.
- Must have a serious illness, disability, or other issues that limit their ability to work.
- About 24,000 people a month used General Assistance in 2017.

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GA Assistance Standards


2018 GENERAL ASSISTANCE STANDARDS TABLE
(MINNESOTA)

MONTHLY ASSISTANCE STANDARDS

One adult not living with parent, 1 adult living with parent(s) who have no minor children or an emancipated minor	\$203
Minor not living with parent, stepparent, or legal custodian	\$200
Married couple with no children	\$200
1st Adult Standard	\$197
2nd Adult Standard	\$173
One adult living with parent(s) and the parent's 1 minor child	\$166
and the parent's 2 minor children	\$180
and the parent's 3 minor children	\$194
and the parent's 4 minor children	\$207
and the parent's 5 minor children	\$221
and the parent's 6 minor children	\$234
and the parent's 7 minor children	\$248
and the parent's 8 minor children	\$261
and the parent's 9 or more minor children	\$275
The Personal Needs Allowance is:	\$50
The Maximum Asset Amount for an assistance unit:	\$10,000
Earned Income Disregard (for each person with earned income):	\$50 + 1% remaining earned income to No unit

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GA Eligibility

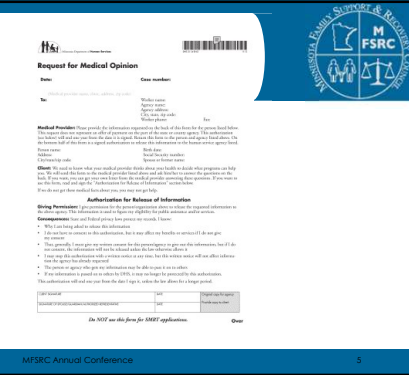


- Eligibility begins on date of application OR date that residency requirements are met (30 days).
- Benefits are prorated to the date of application or when residency requirements are met.
- Must meet one of the 14 basis of eligibilities.
- If necessary they must apply for Supplemental Security Income or Social Security Disability within 30 days of application.
- Annual recertifications are required. If earned income is received they would become monthly reporters.

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GA Basis of Eligibility

- Permanent Illness (CM – 0013.15.03)
- Temporary Illness (CM – 0013.15.06)
- Advanced Age, 55+ (CM – 0013.15.30)
- English not Primary Language (CM – 0013.15.46)
- Placement in a Facility (CM – 0013.15.12)
 - Personal needs of \$102



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GA Basis of Eligibility cont.




- Unemployable (CM – 0013.15.18)
- Caring for Another Person (CM – 0013.15.09)
- Medically Certified as DD or Mental Illness (CM – 0013.15.24)
- Pending Application or Appeal for RSDI or SSI (CM – 0013.15.27)
- Displaced Homemakers (CM – 0013.15.33)
- Performing Court Ordered Services (CM – 0013.15.39)
- Learning Disabled (CM- 0013.15.42)
- Drug/Alcohol Addiction (CM – 0013.15.54)
- People under age 18 who are not members of a family and meet certain conditions (CM – 0013.15.51)
 - Client will need to verify basis of eligibility, the timeline of this may vary.

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GA Budgeting




- Earned Income
 - Wages, salary, commissions, tips, self-employment
 - Standard disregards
- Unearned Income
 - Child Support (most likely arrears), spousal support, Income from Parents of GA children, income from spouse not applying, gifts, winnings
 - No standard disregard, dollar for dollar




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Scenario: Unearned Income, receiving child support




- Mary Smith is a household of one and received **\$150** in arrears child support in the month of July.
- How is this calculated?
 - $\$203 - \$150 = \$53$
- In the month of September GA = **\$53**.




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Scenario: Unearned Income, paying child support



- Charles is a household of one and pays Mary **\$100** monthly direct child support.
- This will not affect Charles GA grant however it could potentially help in increasing his SNAP benefits if he's not already reached the top grant amount for a household of his size.



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any questions?



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MFIP and Child Support

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Minnesota Family Investment Program – MFIP

- MFIP provides up to 60 months of Financial Assistance to families in poverty with minor children, and to pregnant women with low incomes.
- Families with significant specific challenges, such as serious mental illness, cognitive disability or incapacitating illness, may receive assistance for more than 60 months.
- In 2018, MFIP served an average of 31,000 families a month.



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MFIP helps Families

- About 72% of the individuals served by the program are children.
- About 40% of the children on the program are age 5 or younger.
- About 7% of the adults who have turned to the program since its implementation in 1998 have reached their five-year limit on benefits.

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MFIP Work Requirements

- Employment Services ensure that parents participate in work/social service activities and help solve barriers to employment.
- Parents may pursue Adult Basic Education, English as a Second Language or post-secondary training to meet education requirements for employment.
- Families can receive help paying for Child Care while in an approved activity.
- Failure to follow Employment Service requirements can result in sanction.

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MFIP Eligibility

- Eligibility begins on date of application OR date that residency requirements are met (30 days).
- Benefits are prorated to the date of application or when residency requirements are met.
- The MFIP grant includes cash and food portion.
- Some families are eligible for a monthly Housing Assistance Grant (\$110).
- Families must complete a yearly eligibility review.

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MFIP Budgeting

- MFIP uses Household size and income to determine eligibility.
- Income includes both earned and unearned.
- Income is Prospectively budgeted the 1st 2 months.
- 1st month is actual income is budgeted.
- 2nd month anticipated income is budgeted.
- Income is Retrospectively budgeted effective the 3rd month and ongoing.

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Types of Income

- Earned Income – eligible for earned income disregards
- Unearned Income – budget dollar for dollar against MFIP grant.
- Child support income disregard – MFIP disregards up to \$100 for one child and up to \$200 for 2 or more children.


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Child Support Impact on a household of 2

- A household of 2 – 1 adult and 1 child – eligible for \$437 MFIP cash (maximum cash for a household of 2).
- If child receives up to \$100/month there is no change to cash benefits based on the disregard. Household remains eligible for \$437 MFIP cash.
- If child receives over \$100/month anything over \$100 is budgeted dollar for dollar against grant.
- This household would be eligible for \$337 MFIP cash after the disregard if child receives \$200/month.

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Child Support Impact on a household of 4



- A household of 4 – 1 adult and 3 child – eligible for \$621 MFIP cash (maximum cash for a household of 4).
- If each child receives \$25/month (\$75 total) there is no change to cash benefits based on the disregard. Household remains eligible for \$621 MFIP cash.
- If each child receives \$100/month (\$300 total) household would be eligible for \$521 MFIP cash based on the disregard for 2 or more children. \$200 disregard and \$100 counted dollar for dollar against MFIP grant.

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Child Support Non-cooperation



- MFIP sanctioned 30% for not cooperating with Child Support.
- Client must cooperate by the last day of the month to be eligible for their full grant the following month.
- 6 month sanction limit.
- Clients must be in cooperation with Child support at the time of Child Care applications and renewals.

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MAXIS Screens




- STAT/MEMB – Household members
- STAT/ADDR – Address
- STAT/JOBS – Earned Income
- STAT/UNEA – Unearned Income
- STAT/ABPS – Absent Parent Information/Cooperation
- STAT/WREG – GA basis of eligibility
- STAT/DISA – Disability Status
- CASE/CURR – Active Programs/Program History

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MAXIS Eligibility Results

- ELIG/MFIP – Monthly MFIP eligibility results
- ELIG/GA – Monthly GA eligibility results
- ELIG/FS – Monthly SNAP results



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MFSRC 2019 - DHS MAXIS Claims Updates

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- Introductions/Contact Numbers
- TOP Client Number and Procedures
- Notice Language
- Duplicate PMIs
- DHS 2136 Elimination
- Claim Calculation Worksheets
- Collections Stats

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TOP Client Numbers and Procedures

- TOP Phone Numbers for Clients:

Metro 651-431-3967 or

1-800-662-2694

- TOP Suspensions
- TOP Repayment Agreements
- RSDI Clients
- Missed Payments

TOP Repayment Agreements

- Under \$500 – Within 12 months
- \$500 - \$1000 – Within 24 months
- Over \$1000 – Within 36 months
- Only one chance to set up a TOP RA

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Claim TOP Status (CTOP)

Person SSN: 333 11 1761 YANG,ROSANA

Prog	Estab Date	Claim Bal	Claim Nbr	Nbr Rsp	Jmt	TOP Stat	Status Date	Cert Amt	Exl Rsn	Updated By
_ FS	09/02/15	2443.00	40741	2		03	08/20/19	2443.00	_	FMMTFAP1
_ MF	09/02/15	1413.00	40742	2		03	08/20/19	848.00	_	FMMTFAP1

Total Amount Certified for TOP: \$ 3291.00

_ TOP Notices

Person Exclusion Reason: _

Curr Function: CCOL Case Nbr: _____ Month: 09 19 Command: _____

Claim Co: _____ Claim Pw: _____ Name: _____ User: PWSMW34

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Claim Summary / Maintenance (CLSM)

Claim: 40741____ From: 02 15 Thru: 08 15 Program: FS Established: 09 02 15
Status: 2 Active Date: 06 21 17 Rsn: 05 System ac Discovery Date: 09 02 15
Wrkr: X162C60 MANUAL

Claim Case 286796 YANG,ROSANA

Claim Review: __ Dt: __ __ __

GRH Claim Vndr Nbr: _____

GRH Claim Resp: _

Claim Type: A Agency Error

_ Original Amt: \$ __4162.00

Error Source: 52 Agency Incorrectly Computed

+ Adjustments: \$

Fraud Action: __ Dt: __ __ __ Ref: _____

- Collections: \$ 1719.00

Legal Action: __ Dt: __ __ __

_ Balance Due: \$ 2443.00

Delinquent Dt: 10 02 15

Seq	Name/Vndr	SSN/Vndr	Case ID	St	Resp	Col	Let	Bill	Meth	Amount	TOP
_	YANG,ROSANA		286796	2	01	01			21		
_	YANG ROSANA 0	333111761		2	01	01	18				03



3 People 1 Case(s) Demand: Y Recoup: Y Bill: Agency: Tax:

MORE + AVAIL Old FS Claim Nbr: _____ Seq Nbr: _

Mode: D Function: CCOL Case Nbr: _____ Month: 09 19 Command: __ __ __

Claim Co: 90 Servicing Office: Name: YANG,ROSANA User: PWSMW34

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- A claim note should be entered any time an action is taken on a claim
- CCOL/CLSM, Press F4 to get to claim notes
- Not needed for most payment postings
- Can be copied and pasted from CASE/NOTE

Policy Change – Notice Language

- Change applies to MFIP and SNAP demand notices
- Federal requirement from a 2017 claims audit
- Effective on notices sent 7/1/19

Notice Language Changes

- Added type of error – agency, HH, fraud
- Explained recoupment timeframes and amount of recoupment
- Added statement regarding setting up a RA prior to referral for federal collection
- In cases of extreme hardship, the amount of this claim may be reduced if the agency believes that you are unable to repay this debt

Duplicate PMI Numbers

- CCOL/CLIP or CCOL/CRAA when posting by SSN
- No claims associated with this person
- Go to PERS to verify duplicate PMIs
- Email Scott Wotzka at DHS to get corrected

DHS 2136 Eliminated

- SNAP Claim Determination Report
- Not required
- Continue to use DHS 2776

Policy Change – Claim Calculation

- Effective 9/1/18 for MFIP and SNAP claims
- Demand letter language
- Must send a DHS 2776 for MFIP 2776A for SNAP within 7 days of claim demand letter
- Copy must be in claim file

- See handout



Questions?

Thank you!

Collection and Issuance Statistics – 2019 MFSRC

Calendar Years 2016 thru 2019 (thru 9/30/19)				
	2016	2017	2018	2019
<u>Amount of Claims Established</u>				
SNAP (Includes MFIP Federal Food Portion)	\$6,892,974	\$7,216,954	\$6,273,924	\$3,792,747
MFIP Cash	\$1,994,056	\$2,313,149	\$1,927,103	\$1,167,545
All Other MAXIS Programs*	\$2,090,834	\$2,297,159	\$2,047,148	\$1,339,954
Total	\$10,977,863	\$11,827,263	\$10,248,174	\$6,300,246
Fraud Claims Established	\$970,847	\$1,767,586	\$1,545,494	\$782,886
<u>Dollar Amount Collected</u>				
SNAP (Includes MFIP Federal Food Portion)	\$6,636,033	\$6,256,197	\$6,504,738	\$4,726,051
MFIP Cash	\$2,178,424	\$2,082,976	\$1,978,605	\$1,497,088
All Other MAXIS Programs*	\$967,771	\$936,211	\$842,252	\$622,944
Total	\$9,782,227	\$9,275,384	\$9,325,596	\$6,846,083
** TOP Recoveries	\$2,562,523	\$2,006,589	\$2,951,268	\$2,518,564

* Other MAXIS programs include DWP, GA, MSA, RCA, WB, State MFIP, State SNAP

** State staff administered TOP recoveries are also reflected In SNAP - MFIP Federal Food amounts

Non Collectible Agency Error Claims Established By Programs 2019 through 9/30/19						
Program	Type	Total Amount	Fed Cash	State Cash	Fed Food	State Food
DW	Non-Collect Agency Error	\$74.00		\$74.00		
GA	Non-Collect Agency Error	\$2,302.93				
MF	Non-Collect Agency Error	\$37,933.00	\$16,626.00	\$11,628.00		\$1,022.00
MS	Non-Collect Agency Error	\$1,691.35				
Total		\$41,927.28				

GRH Claims Established 2019 through 9/30/19		
Program	Type	Total Amount
GR	Agency Error	\$133,299.55
GR	GRH Vendor	\$5,195,504.30
GR	Household	\$208,232.36
Total GRH		\$5,537,036.21

Non Collectible Agency Error Claims Established By Programs 2018						
Program	Type	Total Amount	Fed Cash	State Cash	Fed Food	State Food
DW	Non-Collect Agency Error	\$533.00	\$428.00	\$105.00		
GA	Non-Collect Agency Error	\$1,868.65				
MF	Non-Collect Agency Error	\$56,846.00	\$31,616.00	\$16,178.00		\$1,022.00
MS	Non-Collect Agency Error	\$3,260.58				
RC	Non-Collect Agency Error	\$360.00				
Total		\$62,335.23				

GRH Claims Established 2018		
Program	Type	Total Amount
GR	Agency Error	\$305,122.40
GR	GRH Vendor	\$7,228,474.68
GR	Household	\$358,019.64
Total GRH		\$7,891,616.72

State Issuance By Programs 2019 through 9/30/19	
Program	Amount
Diversionsary Work Program	\$5,783,104.26
Food Stamp	\$291,863,386.18
General Assistance	\$32,128,666.91
Group Residential Assistance	\$93,641,268.48
Minnesota Families Investment Program	\$173,732,577.01
Minnesota Supplemental Assistance	\$30,972,196.90
Refugee Cash Assistance	\$255,896.80
Total	\$628,377,096.54

State Issuance By Programs 2018	
Program	Amount
Diversionsary Work Program	\$9,626,216.69
Food Stamp	\$409,829,621.31
General Assistance	\$43,019,553.62
Group Residential Assistance	\$129,101,892.74
Minnesota Families Investment Program	\$266,580,443.91
Minnesota Supplemental Assistance	\$40,042,228.28
Refugee Cash Assistance	\$392,487.47
Total	\$898,592,444.02