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**Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Cash Assistance and JOBS Disqualifications  
for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Fiscal Year 2016**

The Department of Public Health and Social Services, releases the statistics for the Fourth Quarter of Fiscal Year 2016 (July 2016 to September 2016) relative to the number of clients who were disqualified from participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP formerly known as Food Stamp Program), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program (TANF – Cash Assistance) and the Job Opportunities and Basic Skills Program (JOBS).

The following figures represent the number of clients who intentionally violated rules under the SNAP and TANF Programs:

SECTION	PROGRAM	NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS DISQUALIFIED	AMOUNT OF RESTITUTION
Investigation and Recoupment Office (IRO)	Food Stamp	59	\$22,168.00
	TANF	1	\$37.00
	GRAND TOTAL	60	\$22,205.00

Of the Sixty (60) disqualifications, Four (4) failed to disclose properly that members had moved in/out and Fifty-six (56) clients were disqualified for crediting food/nonfood items or exchanging cash with their SNAP EBT card, which is considered trafficking. Fifty-eight (58) were disqualified for 12 months as a first time violation of the SNAP program and two (2) were disqualified for 24 months as a second violation.

Individuals who were found to have committed Intentional Program Violation (IPV) through Administrative Disqualification Hearing (ADH) shall be ineligible to participate in the program for:

- 12 MONTHS for the 1<sup>ST</sup> VIOLATION
- 24 MONTHS for the 2<sup>ND</sup> VIOLATION
- PERMANENT DISQUALIFICATION for the 3<sup>RD</sup> VIOLATION
- PERMANENT DISQUALIFICATION for TRAFFICKING over \$500.00

Under the Simplified Reporting on SNAP, households are required to report when their income exceeds 130% of the federal poverty level. This change must be reported by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month following the month the change occurred. To comply with TANF Program requirements, any change in employment, household members moving in or out, or change of address requires that the household report to the department within 10 days from the date the change becomes known to the household.

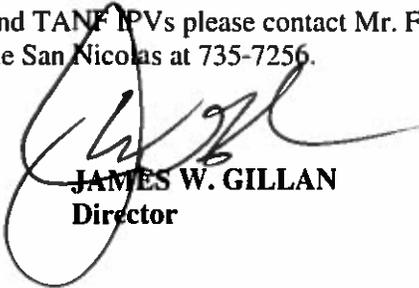
The following figures represent the number of clients that failed to comply with the JOBS Program work component under TANF:

SECTION	PROGRAM	July 2016	August 2016	September 2016	Total number of Cases Disqualified for the Quarter
Work Programs Section (JOBS Program)	Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (30)	58	47	24	129
	Reasons for Disqualification:				
	a. Failed to appear for scheduled appointments	38	35	18	91
	b. Non-Submission of Required Documents	15	8	4	27
	c. Failed to meet work requirements	1	1	1	3
	d. Failed to appear to worksite/training/placement	4	3	1	8
e. Reinstatement of DQ due to Fair Hearing Decision	0	0	0	0	

Individuals mandated to participate under the JOBS Program and fail to comply, shall be disqualified (DQ'd) from receiving TANF Assistance as follows:

- 3 MONTHS for the 1<sup>ST</sup> VIOLATION
- 6 MONTHS for the 2<sup>ND</sup> VIOLATION
- PERMANENT DISQUALIFICATION for the 3<sup>RD</sup> VIOLATION

Should you have any questions on the SNAP and TANF IPV's please contact Mr. Francis L.G. Damian at 735-7344/7379 and on the JOBS DQs, Ms. Christine San Nicolas at 735-7256.



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