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Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Cash Assistance and JOBS Disqualifications for the 1st Quarter Fiscal Year 2016

The Director of the Department of Public Health and Social Services, Mr. James W. Gillan, releases the statistics for the First Quarter of Fiscal Year 2016 (October 2015 to December 2015) 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	37	\$28,597.59
	TANF	0	\$0.00
	GRAND TOTAL	37	\$28,597.59

Of the Thirty-seven (37) disqualifications, two (2) was as a result of failing to report the loss of household members. Nine (9) were disqualified for failing to report employment timely. Twenty-six (26) clients were disqualified for crediting food/nonfood items or exchanging cash with their SNAP EBT card, which is considered trafficking. Thirty-four (34) were disqualified for 12 months as a first time violation of the SNAP program and three (3) 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 1ST VIOLATION
- 24 MONTHS for the 2ND VIOLATION
- PERMANENT DISQUALIFICATION for the 3RD VIOLATION
- PERMANENT DISQUALIFICATION for TRAFFICKING over \$500.00

Under the Simplified Reporting on SNAP, households are required to report only when the income exceeds 130% of the federal poverty level. This change must be reported by the 10th 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.

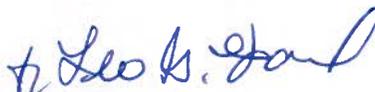
The following figures represent the number of clients that failed to comply with the JOBS Program work component under TANF:

SECTION	PROGRAM	October 2015	November 2015	December 2015	Total number of Cases Disqualified for the Quarter
Work Programs Section (JOBS Program)	Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (30)	22	39	58	119
	Reasons for Disqualification:				
	a. Failed to appear for scheduled appointments	15	29	37	81
	b. Non-Submission of Required Documents	7	8	17	32
	c. Failed to meet work requirements	0	0	2	2
	d. Failed to appear to worksite/training/placement	0	2	2	4
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 1ST VIOLATION
- 6 MONTHS for the 2ND VIOLATION
- PERMANENT DISQUALIFICATION for the 3RD 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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