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07.03.01 Application for Public Assistance

Authority: [Article 88A, §6, 46, 62, and 69,] *Human Services Article §§5-207 and 5-501(b), Annotated Code of Maryland*
(Agency Note: Federal Regulatory Reference—45 CFR §206.10)

Notice of Proposed Action

[14-046-P]

The Secretary of Human Resources proposes to amend Regulations **.01**, **.03**, **.04**, and **.06** under **COMAR 07.03.01 Application for Public Assistance**.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to amend COMAR 07.03.01 due to a change in the authority from Article 88A to the Human Services Article and to reflect a change in the Food Stamp Program name to Food Supplement Program. In addition, clarification is provided regarding TCA application procedures and requirements.

Comparison to Federal Standards

There is no corresponding federal standard to this proposed action.

Estimate of Economic Impact

The proposed action has no economic impact.

Economic Impact on Small Businesses

The proposed action has minimal or no economic impact on small businesses.

Impact on Individuals with Disabilities

The proposed action has no impact on individuals with disabilities.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Comments may be sent to Andrea Shuck, Regulations Coordinator, Department of Human Resources, 311 W. Saratoga St., Room 265, Baltimore, MD 21201, or call 410-767-2149, or email to andrea.shuck@maryland.gov, or fax to 410-333-0637. Comments will be accepted through March 10, 2014. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

.01 Scope.

- A. (text unchanged)
- B. The provisions of this chapter do not apply to the:
 - (1) (text unchanged)
 - (2) Food [Stamp] *Supplement* Program; or
 - (3) (text unchanged)
- C. (text unchanged)
- D. Food [Stamp] *Supplement* Program applicants shall comply with the provisions of COMAR 07.03.17.
- E. (text unchanged)

.03 Application Process.

- A — B. (text unchanged)

C. An [applicant shall be seen in person,] *interview that may be conducted over the telephone rather than face to face shall be conducted*, before a benefit is authorized, for the purpose of clarifying all factors of eligibility and explaining the applicant's rights and responsibilities.

D. — H. (text unchanged)

.04 Verification.

A. The local department shall verify the following factors of eligibility:

(1) (text unchanged)

(2) Countable assets, *except for the Temporary Cash Assistance Program, which does not consider assets and resources as part of the eligibility determination;*

(3) — (4) (text unchanged)

B. — D. (text unchanged)

.06 Transfer of Property.

A. — B. (text unchanged)

C. *The provisions of §§A and B of this regulation do not apply to Temporary Cash Assistance.*

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