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## SNAP Policy Update #4 16-17'

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**RE:** Clarification on the Eligibility of Cuban-Haitian Entrants Under an Order of Supervision

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This policy update highlights information provided by the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) through [GIS 16 TA/DC048](#). This GIS provides clarification to SNAP offices on the eligibility of Cuban-Haitian entrants under an order of supervision.

A Cuban or Haitian national with an order of supervision is eligible to participate in SNAP if they can provide verification from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) that proves they meet the definition of a Cuban-Haitian entrant.

An order of supervision alone does not document Cuban-Haitian entrant status. To be eligible to receive SNAP benefits, a Cuban or Haitian national under an order of supervision must also provide documentation that proves a previous or current immigration parole into the United States. This parole cannot be for the purposes of criminal prosecution in the U.S or for the purposes of testifying as a witness in proceedings before a U.S. judicial, administrative or legislative body.

***To prove Cuban or Haitian nationality, an individual must provide one of the following:***

- 1-94 Arrival/Departure Record indicating Cuba or Haiti as the country of citizenship or country of passport issuance,
- Order of supervision indicating Cuban or Haitian nationality,
- Other USCIS document denoting Cuban or Haitian nationality.

The SNAP office can also submit a documentation request to the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) program and if the response indicates country of origin as Cuba or Haiti, it serves as documentation to verify nationality.

***To prove a previous or current immigration parole into the U.S., an individual must also provide one of the following:***

- I-94 Arrival/Departure Record or other USCIS document proving parole into the U.S. prior to being placed on an order of supervision, or
- 1-94 Arrival/Departure Record or other USCIS document granting a new parole in addition to the order of supervision.

If an individual no longer has their original documents granting them parole, SNAP offices are directed to refer the individual to a local legal service provider or to the USCIS to obtain their immigration case history.

Once the individual provides the needed documentation to prove they are a Cuban-Haitian entrant under an Order of Supervision, they must meet all other SNAP eligibility criteria through the application process before they can be determined eligible for SNAP benefits.

**Links:**

- [GIS 16 TA/DC048](#) – Eligibility to Participate in SNAP by Certain Cuban Nationals Under an Order of Supervision.
- HSNY [SNAP Prescreening Guide](#) – pgs. 24-26 for more information on the eligibility of non-citizens

**Help for Your Clients**

There are Nutrition Outreach and Education Program (NOEP) Coordinators in many communities across NYS. NOEP Coordinators are available to help potentially eligible individuals and families apply for SNAP benefits by:

- conducting confidential pre-screenings to see if a family may be eligible for SNAP,
- assisting with completing the application, including the online version,
- answering any questions, and/or
- working with current recipients around recertification or other issues with their SNAP case.

NOEP Coordinators can also come to your community site to help your clients.

To find out if there is a NOEP Coordinator in your community, go to <http://www.foodhelpny.org>.

Visit <http://otda.ny.gov/workingfamilies/dss.asp> for a listing of SNAP offices and contact information outside of NYC or call 1-800-342-3009.

Visit [http://www.nyc.gov/html/hra/html/services/snap\\_centers.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/html/hra/html/services/snap_centers.shtml) for a listing of SNAP offices in New York City or call 311.

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