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Topic: CAF Self-Sufficiency Programs Family Services Manual Advance Copy
 (including some Seniors and People with Disabilities programs)

Transmitting (check the box that best applies):

- New Policy
 Policy Change
 Policy Clarification
 Executive Letter
 Administrative Rule
 Manual Update
 Other: _____

Applies to (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees | <input type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Children, Adults and Families | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seniors and People with Disabilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County DD Program Managers | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): All users of the Family Services Manual |

Policy/Rule Title:	Various (see Discussion below)		
Policy/Rule Number(s):		Release No:	FSML 56
Effective Date:	January 1, 2010	Expiration:	N/A
References:			
Web Address:			

Discussion/Interpretation:
Release #56

As of Oct. 1, 2008, SNAP is the new name for the federal Food Stamp Program. It stands for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, and reflects the changes FNS has made to meet the needs of our clients, including a focus on nutrition and an increase in benefit amounts. The name change was mandated by the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008. Oregon will officially begin using SNAP on January 1, 2010. There will be multiple chapters in the manual that will be updated to reflect the change in the name. These changes will happen over the next year as to keep costs of printing down.

Changes were made to the following sections:
Counting Client Assets

Excludes temporary census income for SNAP clients. (CA-B.22)

Employment and Self-Sufficiency Services

Removed section on OFSET support service payments, which is covered in FS D.. (ES-a.3 & 4b)

Removed policy on OFSET, which is covered in FS D. (ES-b.20-24)

Domestic Violence

When someone who is applying for TA-DVS has been arrested or convicted of domestic violence it may be appropriate to verify whether or not they are the perpetrator. The new language adds possible verification sources and guidance on when it might be appropriate to verify whether or not someone is a perpetrator. (TA-DVS-g)

SNAP (formerly Food Stamps)

Rewrote material on OFSET for clarity. Student section has also been rewritten. No policy changes. (FS-d)

Updated information on Prison Discrepancy Lists to reflect shift of some workload to the OPAR Automation Unit (OAU). (SNAP-h.5)

Medical Assistance

Updated to include information about the reopening of the OHP Standard Reservation List. (MA-e)

Multiple Program Worker Guides

Added clarification about graduate assistance graduate fellowships, intern and externships. These are considered educational income. (MPWG-#14)

Implementation/Transition Instructions:

Training/Communication Plan:

Review policy changes with branch staff.

Local/Branch Action Required:

Review policy changes with branch staff.

Central Office Action Required:

None.

Field/Stakeholder review: Yes No

If yes, reviewed by:

Filing Instructions: The filing instructions will be available with January's DHS Family Services Manual release.

If you have any questions about this policy, contact:

Contact(s):	If you have any questions about this policy, see Introduction C, Contact List , located in this manual for a list of program contacts.
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	If you have questions about the filing instructions, please contact Barbara Hopkins at the number/email address below.		
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