



## Policy: 24.13

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**Title** SNAP Lottery or Gambling Winnings

**Approved by**

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**Application** All TDHS Employees and Contractors

### Policy Statement

The Tennessee Department of Human Services (TDHS) shall disqualify Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) customers for substantial Lottery or Gambling Winnings received.

### Reason for Policy

This policy explains the requirements regarding disqualifications from SNAP Program due to substantial lottery or gambling winnings and when eligibility may be regained.

### Policy

- A. A SNAP household shall lose eligibility immediately if any individual in the household receives cash prize from substantial lottery or gambling winnings.
- B. Substantial lottery or gambling winnings is a cash prize, before taxes or withholdings, that matches the SNAP resource limit for elderly or disabled households listed in the [Substantial Lottery and Gambling Winnings Guidelines](#) document. The limit is adjusted annually.
- C. Prizes such as goods, services, vehicles are not considered cash prizes.
- D. A cash prize must be won in one bet/ticket (such as one hit on a machine, one ticket, or one raffle) and only the amount allocated to the household member would count towards SNAP household

when the household member shared in the purchase of the “ticket” or “bet” with other persons not in the household.

- E. Households classified as Categorically Eligible (CE) whose case was closed due to lottery or gambling winnings are required to meet regular SNAP rules for eligibility once they reapply and will not be considered CE status until approved one (1) certification period as a regular SNAP household.

**Supporting Documents** [Tennessee Education Lottery Corporation \(TELC\) Match Substantial Lottery and Gambling Winnings Guidelines](#)

**Retention of Records** Pending

### Definitions/Acronyms

Term	Definition/Acronym
<b>SNAP</b>	<i>Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program</i>
<b>TDHS</b>	<i>Tennessee Department of Human Services</i>

### APPROVAL HISTORY

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