



The South Carolina Department of Social Services has a project called Elderly Simplified Application Project (ESAP) to improve the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) process for elderly households. ESAP allows us to meet the goals of SNAP to provide food assistance to raise levels of nutrition among low-income individuals and to better serve the nutritional needs of elderly individuals. To determine SNAP eligibility under ESAP, you may complete a simple application (DSS Form 16176) along with an initial interview, provide limited verification of your circumstances and complete a one-page mail-in form yearly without being interviewed.

You would be eligible to participate in ESAP:

- If all of the members of your household (those people who live with you and purchase and prepare food together) are elderly (age 60 or older);
- If the members of your household have no earned income (salaries from work);
- If no member of your household receives SNAP benefits under the South Carolina Combined Application Project (SCCAP) and
- If your household's total monthly income does not exceed the income limit for the household size.

If you have any questions concerning SNAP or this letter, please call the ESAP toll-free hotline at 1-888-898-0055.

IMPORTANT

You are not required to pay tax on food purchased with SNAP benefits.

DSS Form 16177 (JAN 22) Edition of JUN 19 is obsolete.