**Section 121.151 Penalties for Intentional Program Violations (IPV)**

This Section implements the intentional program violations penalties under 7 CFR 273.16.

a) Individuals found to have intentionally violated the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), as set forth in Section 121.153(a), shall be disqualified from participation in the program:

1) For a period of 12 months for the first violation;

2) For a period of 24 months for the second violation; and

3) Permanently for the third violation.

b) An individual is permanently disqualified if the individual is convicted of trafficking SNAP benefits of $500 or more.

c) An individual convicted of using or receiving SNAP benefits in a transaction involving the sale of a controlled substance shall be disqualified:

1) For a period of 24 months for the first violation; and

2) Permanently for the second violation.

d) An individual is permanently disqualified if convicted of using or receiving SNAP benefits in a transaction involving the sale of firearms, ammunition, or explosives.

e) Except as provided under subsection (a)(3), an individual found to have made a fraudulent statement or representation with respect to the identity or place of residence of the individual in order to simultaneously receive multiple SNAP benefits shall be disqualified from participation in the program for a period of 10 years.

f) If the individual is currently participating in SNAP, disqualification begins no later than the second fiscal month (defined at 89 Ill. Adm. Code 101.20) which follows the date the individual receives written notice of the disqualification. Once the period of disqualification is imposed, it continues regardless of the eligibility of the disqualified member's household.

g) If the individual is not participating in SNAP, the disqualification begins the month which follows the date that the individual receives written notice of the disqualification.

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