**Section 121.3 Approval of an Application and Initial Authorization Of Assistance**

a) Eligibility for program participation shall not be authorized for any period prior to the month in which application is made.

b) A household's benefits level for the initial month of certification will be based on the day of the month it applies for benefits. A household shall receive benefits prorated from the day of application to the end of the month. As used in this paragraph, the term "initial month" means either the first month for which an allotment is issued to a household or the first month for which an allotment is issued to a household following any period of at least one month during which the household was not certified for participation in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

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