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Maine's Food Stamps (SNAP) Policy				
WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR FOOD STAMPS?				
Flexibility	Current policy	Potential improvement		
Gross income limit				
How much can family members earn while being eligible?	\$4,303*/month (or 200% FPL for a family of three in 2024).	N/A		
Asset Limit				
How many assets can families retain in savings while still being eligible for food stamps?	There is no limit on savings for BBCE-eligible families.	N/A		
Transitional Benefit Alternative				
Does Maine provide families who are losing TANF cash assistance with automatic SNAP eligibility for a few months?	Yes.	N/A		
* Current administrative guidelines may present different income amounts depending on when updates to the current federal poverty guidelines are implemented.				
ADDITIONAL RULES AND RESTRICTIONS				
Flexibility	Current policy	Potential improvement		
Treatment of child support payments to non-household members				
Does Maine treat child support payments made to non- household members as an income exclusion rather than a deduction?	Yes.	N/A		
Lifting drug felony bans				
Are persons convicted of drug- related felonies eligible for nutritional assistance?	Yes.	N/A		



Extending eligibility to some federally ineligible noncitizens using state assistance programs Has Maine extended SNAP eligibility to immigrants who are ineligible for SNAP under federal guidelines?	Yes. Specifically, those awaiting work authorization, granted work authorization, and seeking work are eligible.	N/A		
ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS				
Flexibility	Current policy	Potential improvement		
Less frequent recertification periods Has Kansas extended the recertification period to 12 months for all recipients?	Yes.	N/A		
Simplified income reporting Does Kansas require parents to report income only when it rises above the eligibility limit?	Yes.	N/A		
Online services for all application processes Does Kansas offer online services for its initial benefit application, reporting of changes, and renewal?	Yes.	N/A		

