



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 5101:4-6-15 Food assistance: determining eligibility of an assistance group when other non-assistance group members share the same address.

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A non-assistance group (AG) member is a member of the household who is not included in the AG as defined in rule 5101:4-2-03 of the Administrative Code, such as: an individual who purchases and prepares separately, a roomer, live-in attendant, boarder, or an ineligible student.

(A) How are the income and resources of non-AG members treated?

For all non-AG members who are not specifically mentioned as an ineligible member in rule 5101:4-6-13 of the Administrative Code, the income and resources of such individuals shall not be considered available to the AG with whom the individual resides.

(B) How are cash payments made by a non-AG member to an AG member treated?

Cash payments from a non-AG member to an AG will be considered income under the normal income standards specified in rule 5101:4-4-19 of the Administrative Code, unless the non-AG member is making a payment directly to the vendor. Payments made directly to a vendor shall be excluded as income.

(C) How are expenses shared between a non-AG member and an AG member treated?

(1) When the AG member shares deductible expenses with the non-AG member, only the amount actually paid or contributed by the AG shall be deducted as an AG expense.

(2) When the payments or contributions cannot be differentiated, the expenses shall be prorated evenly among the individuals actually paying or contributing to the expense and only the AG's prorated share is deducted. If the AG is eligible for a utility allowance, the utility allowance is not prorated.

(3) When the non-AG member and any AG member contributes to the costs of any utility covered under one of the utility allowances as described in rule 5101:4-4-23 of the Administrative Code, the AG is entitled to the full utility allowance.

(D) How is the income of an AG member determined when the income is combined with the income of a non-AG member?

When the income of one or more AG members and the income of a non-AG member are combined, the income of the AG members shall be determined as follows:

(1) When the AG member's share can be identified, the county agency shall count that portion as income; or



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- (2) When the AG member's share cannot be identified, the county agency shall prorate the income among all those whom it was intended for and only count the AG's prorated share.