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SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 7, Chapter D, ***RESOURCES***, page 1, revised.

Summary

Chapter 7-D is revised to:

- Update the resource limit for households that do **not** include an elderly or disabled member. The limit is increasing from $2,000 to $2,250.

  Note: The $3,250 resource limit for households with an elderly or disabled member does not change.

- Update all links due to the Department's new website.

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Material Superseded

This material replaces the following page from Employees' Manual, Title 7, Chapter D:

Page	Date
1	September 30, 2011

Additional Information

Refer questions about this general letter to your area income maintenance administrator.

OVERVIEW

This chapter describes how resources are used when determining eligibility. The first sections explain resources limits and countable resources, including whose resources to consider, what resources to consider, and how to handle jointly owned resources.

The next section is an alphabetical listing of excluded resources, followed by a section on how to treat vehicles. The penalties for deliberately transferring resources in order to qualify for Food Assistance are in the last section of the chapter.

RESOURCE LIMITS

Legal reference: 7 CFR 273.8(b) and (c), 441 IAC 65.30(2)

Except for categorically eligible households, households are not eligible for Food Assistance if all countable resources total more than:

- $3,250 for all households with one or more eligible members who are disabled or aged 60 or older. (If the only member disabled or aged 60 or older is a disqualified member, the limit is $2,000.) See 7-A, Disabled Member.
- $2,250 for all other households.

Resource limits do not apply to categorically eligible households. See 7-C, Categorical Eligibility, for information on categorical eligibility.

Households cannot have countable resources over the applicable limit unless the household is categorically eligible.

COUNTABLE RESOURCES

Information about determining what resources are countable is organized into the following sections:

- Whose resources to count
- What resources to count
- Verifying resources
- Joint ownerships