FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT APPLYING FOR TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE, FOOD STAMPS AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Social Security Numbers

- You must give us a social security number for each family member who wants benefits.
- If a person who wants benefits does not have a social security number, that person must apply for a number. We can help applicants get their numbers.
- If a family member has applied for a social security number, we will not delay your application while you wait for the number.
- We use social security numbers to prove income. We do not give numbers to other agencies like Immigration and Naturalization.

Citizenship and Immigration Status

- You must tell us about the citizenship and immigration status for each family member who wants benefits.

Information

- If a family member will not tell us about citizenship, immigration status or social security number, that person will not get benefits.
- They must still give us proof of income, expenses and other things.
- The other family members who give us their information will get benefits if they meet the rules.

Emergency Medical Assistance

- Immigrants who are not eligible for other kinds of medical assistance and apply only for emergency medical assistance do not have to tell us their social security number, immigration or citizenship status.

Time Limits

- Temporary Cash Assistance has time limits.
- Food Stamps and Medical Assistance do not have a time limit.
- When Temporary Cash Assistance ends because of time limits, earnings or other reasons, you may still get Food Stamps and Medical Assistance.

Interviews

- You, a responsible family member or someone you choose to represent you must come into our office for an interview.
- If you have a serious problem, or if you are working, and you cannot come to our office for an interview, we can interview you by telephone.
- You must give or send us the proof we ask for at your interview.

If you need help:

- Applying for benefits, or
- Have questions about information you must give us
- Want to know what will happen to your benefits
- Do not speak English and need free translation services
- Call your case manager or call 1-800-332-6347

Si necesita ayuda para llenar el formulario favor de llamar al 1-800-332-6347.

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