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**[FS] SNAP**

6505 The chapter "Form and Method" discusses various issues relating to the actual physical form or device which constitutes the benefit. [The benefit may be issued in check form or deposited into a financial institution. AABD and] AFDC recipients [, with the exception of AABD clients residing in long term care facilities, can] may volunteer to have their benefits directly deposited into a financial institution of their choice. AFDC and [Food Stamp] SNAP recipients, except those AFDC clients voluntarily receiving their benefits through direct deposit, are required to have their benefits issued through the EBT system. AABD clients who do not [receive their benefits through direct deposit and who do not] reside in long term care facilities [, can] may elect to have their cash benefits issued through the EBT system or [continue to receive a monthly check] directly deposited into their personal banking accounts, except that, under certain, limited circumstances, they may elect to receive their cash benefits in check form. AABD clients residing in long term care facilities shall have their AABD benefits sent directly to the long term care facility on their behalf.

The fundamentals of the use of restricted payment methods are also promulgated in this chapter.

The parts which deal with restricted payments define the conditions under which cash benefits are issued on behalf of the assistance unit to a third party vendor or protective payee, thus restricting the assistance unit's control of the funds. The chapter, however, does not discuss the actual mechanism used to deliver the benefit.

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6505.05 A. Form

1. Benefits [are] shall be issued to eligible AFDC and AABD assistance units in the form of cash payments.
2. [For] Except as provided in 6505.05 A.3, cash payments for AFDC and AABD recipients [, cash payments] are, at the discretion of the recipient, directly deposited into a personal account in a financial institution or deposited into an EBT account.
3. [For AABD recipients, cash payments are either issued in check form, directly deposited into a personal account in a financial institution of the individual's choice or deposited into an EBT account.] An AABD recipient may elect to have his or her cash payment issued in the form of a check if such recipient:
  - a. Was born prior to May 1, 1921;
  - b. Is unable to manage a personal account at a financial institution or an EBT account due to a mental impairment; or
  - c. Lives in an area designated as a disaster area by the President of the United States or the President's designee, provided this exception shall not apply to payments issued more than one hundred twenty days after the disaster was declared.