

What Benefit/Subsidy Approvals/Changes* Trigger a Subsequent Assessment?

Benefit/Subsidy	Subsequent Assessment?	Assessment	Notes
Child Care Subsidies	Yes (usually)	Budget	This usually reduces monthly child care expenses.
FAFSA	No	N/A	
Financial Aid (grants)	Yes (sometimes)	Budget	This may reduce tuition/fee expenses.
Head Start/Early Head Start	No (usually)	N/A	This usually does not affect the budget, but it may if it reduces child care or educational expenses.
Medical Benefits/Health Insurance	Yes (usually)	Budget	This usually reduces medical expenses.
Other Non-Recurring Assistance (cash or non-cash)	Yes (sometimes)	Balance Sheet	This usually does not affect the budget, as it is not a regular source of income and does not regularly reduce an expense. But it may trigger an update to the balance sheet, as it may reduce or eliminate a liability.
Recurring Cash Assistance/Payments	Yes	Budget	This increases income.
SNAP (food stamps and comparable programs)	Yes (usually)	Budget	This usually increases income on the budget, as long as it is a recurring benefit. One-time food stamps do not trigger a new assessment.
Subsidized Housing	Yes (usually)	Budget	This usually decreases housing expenses.
Unemployment Compensation	Yes	Budget	This increases income.
Utility Assistance	Yes (usually)	Balance Sheet or Budget	If a one-time payment, this usually decreases a liability on the balance sheet. If a recurring benefit, this usually decreases monthly utility expenses on the budget.
WIC	Yes (sometimes)	Budget	This may increase income or decrease food expenses on the budget.

**This table is intended as guidance for new approvals or changes in the amount of a benefit/subsidy. Re-approvals with no change in amount do not usually trigger a subsequent assessment.*

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