

## **P-2283 Reach Ahead Re-Instatement (24-16)**

A break in Reach Ahead benefits occurs when a household does not receive a Reach Ahead food benefit for one full month ([Reach Ahead Rule 2502.3](#)). A break in Reach Ahead benefits can greatly impact a household's eligibility for Reach Ahead Pilot work support payments as well as their overall eligibility for the Reach Ahead Pilot program.

### **Reapplication Within Month of Closure or the Month Following Reach Ahead Closure**

- When a household reapplies and/or provides required documentation at any time within the month of closure or the month following closure:
  - Re-APPL case in ACCESS for the date the necessary documentation is provided.
  - If eligible approve benefits; no "break in benefits".

Example: A household is scheduled to close out of Reach Ahead on January 31, 2024. The household reapplies on February 1, 2024, and submits verification that confirms ongoing Reach Ahead Pilot eligibility that same day. The household will be re-APPL'ed for February 1, 2024, and there is no break in Reach Ahead Pilot benefits.

Example: A household is scheduled to close out of Reach Ahead on January 31, 2024, for not completing their review. The household provides documentation in February 2024 that indicates ongoing Reach Ahead eligibility and they are approved then. There is no break in benefits.

- A household's Reach Ahead Pilot start date, Pilot month count, and food benefit schedule will not change or restart when there is no break in benefits.
- A household's 12-month lookback window does not impact Reach Ahead Pilot eligibility if there is no break in benefits.

### **Reapplication After Reach Ahead Closure**

Households must submit a new application (600 or 202) to apply for Reach Ahead whenever there is a break in benefits. (Reach Ahead Rule 2502.3)

- Review household program history:

- Check PERS-D-HIST to see if the household received Reach Up/PSE within the last 12 months. See procedure [P-2280A](#) for additional 12-month look back guidance.
- If the household received Reach Up/PSE within the last 12 months:
  - Request income/work hours verification for the 30 days prior to the date of application.
  - If household is meeting their work requirement, APPL case the day income/work hours verification is received.
  - If household is not meeting their work requirement, APPL case in ACCESS the date the application or request is received. ACCESS will automatically deny the household.
- If the household has not received RU/PSE within the last twelve months:
  - APPL case in ACCESS the date the application or request is received. Denial will be prompted through ELIG approval actions completed by BPS.