P-3107 VERIFICATION (continued)

P-3107B Waste, Fraud, and Abuse (7/1/25, 25-14)

Fraud Definition

Fraud occurs when someone:

- Purposely fails to disclose facts (or changes in circumstances), relevant to determining eligibility, in order to obtain or continue to receive benefits for which the person is not eligible, including benefits in an amount greater than they are eligible for.
- Purposely provides (or attempts to provide) false information relevant to determining eligibility, in order to obtain or continue to receive benefits for which the person is not eligible, including benefits in an amount greater than they are eligible for.
- Assists another person for the purpose of obtaining or continuing to receive benefits for which the other person is not eligible, including benefits in an amount greater than they are eligible for.

Questionable Changes or Situations

Below are some situations that may require collateral contacts and then may need to be discussed further with the DCF Fuel Team.

Household Composition

- Applicant or recipient gives suspect or contradictory information regarding the identity and/or whereabouts of the absent parent (AP).
- Absent Parent's address is consistent with the recipient's after separation is reported.
- The recipient is sanctioned for failure to cooperate with the Office of Child Support (OCS) but doesn't take actions to have the sanction lifted.
- AP has an occupation that would normally require absence from the residence for extended periods of time (such as a truck driver, salesperson, etc.).
- AP is reported to live at another address but provides care and support for the child on practically a daily basis. This in itself is okay but could indicate the AP is actually living in the home.
- Situations where the recipient may be concealing the marriage or common children with a person residing in client's household.

- Suspicion that a child(ren) do(es) not reside with the applicant or recipient.
- Recipient reports a household member has left the home after this member obtains countable income.
- Recipient adds a household member when this member loses income or resources.
- Household consisting of several adult members with no income.
- Varying reports of household member's SSN, date of birth, or relationships

Income

- Households where expenses are higher than reported income.
- Household has a member(s) with suspected self-employment income not available on computer matches (such as construction, agriculture, domestic work, childcare, etc.).
- The recipient presents employment wage verification that appears to have been altered. Unsigned or not authentic or fails to report tips or gratuities when such sources of income are routinely part of their compensation (such as waitress, bartender, dancer, hair stylist, taxi driver, bell-boy, delivery person, etc.).
- Recipient reports Unemployment Compensation (UC) will cease before (UC) is exhausted, but does not report employment, or reports the loss of steady employment, but does not apply for UC.
- Suspicion that child support is being paid directly to the recipient.

Residency

- The recipient presents verification of residency that appears to have been altered or completed by someone other than the appropriate verifier. Document has scribbled out information or areas have been written over.
- Suspicion that a recipient has moved out of the state.
- Suspicion that recipient is currently receiving benefits from another state.
- Recipient provides shelter statement signed by relative or AP is landlord.
- A shelter statement is unsigned, and recipient continually claims to be unable to reach the landlord or makes other excuses for not being able to provide the form.

Contact DCF Fuel Team

If after reviewing any of these questionable items you feel the application needs further review, then please contact the fuel team to discuss: ahs.dcfesdfuelmgmt@vermont.gov. The fuel team can make a referral to the Investigations Unit or do a “Front End Verification” or a “Suspected Fraud Investigation.”