

We Have 3SNP, Now

▶ What?

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# 3SVT in a SNAP (3SNP)

Training for Economic Services Division

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# Welcome & Opening Remarks

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# Road Map

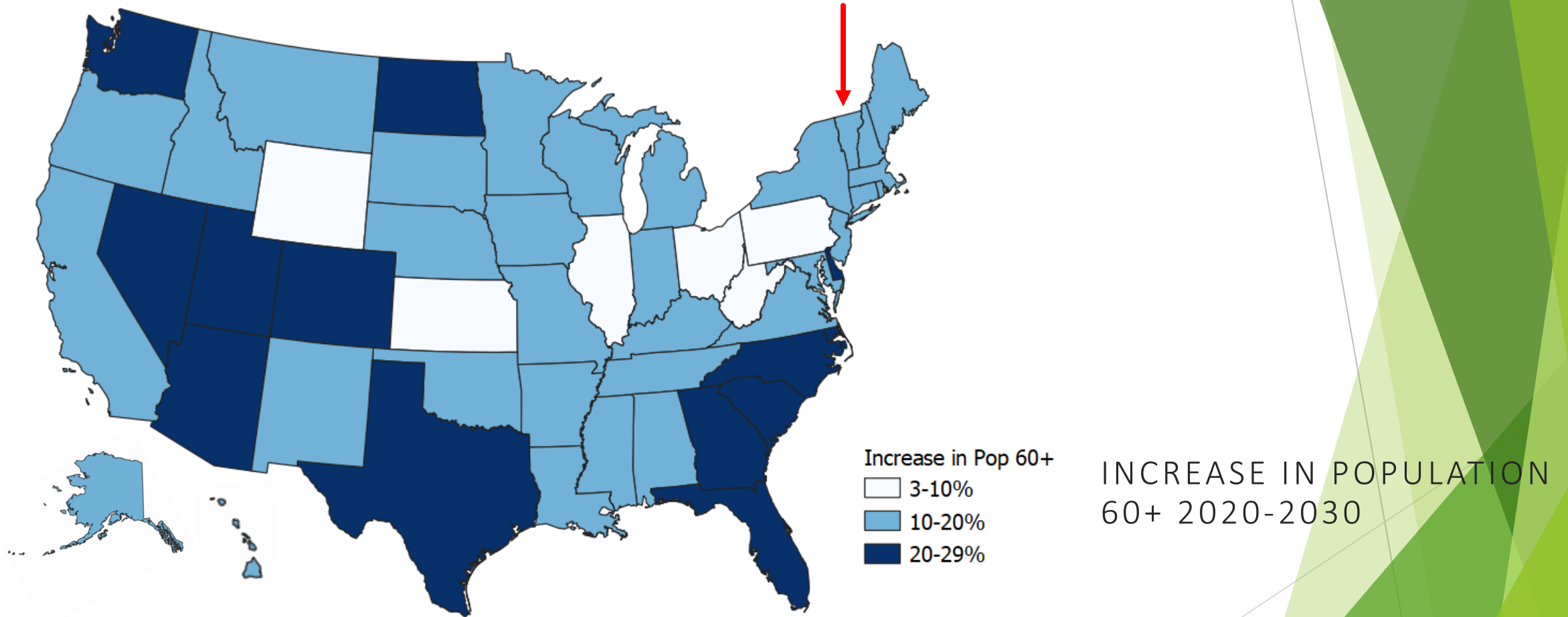
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- ▶ Eligibility & Application Process
- ▶ 3SNP Waiver Components – Reporting Rules
- ▶ The Older Adult Population – Strategies to Reach Them



**Why 3Squares  
VT in a  
SNAP(3SNP)?**

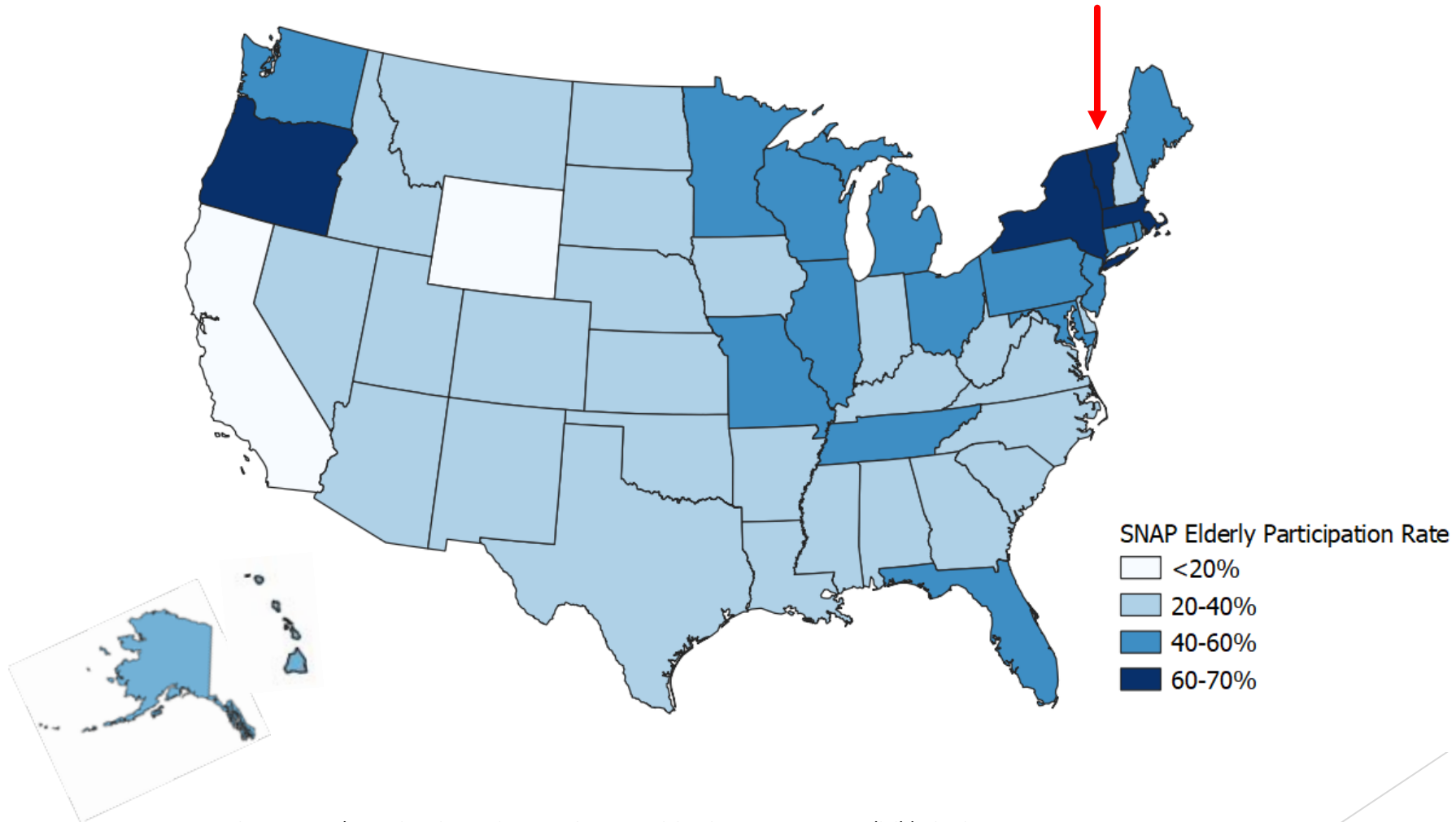


# America is Getting Older Fast



Source: University of Virginia Cooper Center for Public Services, National Population Projections

# But SNAP Participation Rates Are Still Low



Source: Mathematica via FRAC, FFY15 SNAP Participation Rates Among Eligible Seniors

## ■ How ESAP Looks in Different States

<u>State</u>	<u>36 month Certification</u>	<u>Recertification Interview Waiver</u>	<u>Simplified Verification</u>	<u>Central Processing Unit</u>	<u>Shortened Application</u>	<u>Waived Interim Report</u>	<u>Combined with SMD</u>
AL	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
CA	✓	✓	✓				✓
FL		✓	✓				
GA		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
MD	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
MA	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
MS	✓	✓	✓	✓			
PA	✓	✓	✓		✓		
SC	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
WA		✓	✓				
<b>VT</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>(dedicated workers)</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>

# Application Process & Eligibility Determination

# 3SNP Eligibility Rules

**60+ and/or  
Disabled**

**No Earned  
Income**

# 3SQUARESVT IN A SNAP APPLICATION



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Print clearly and answer questions completely and honestly. Thank you!

**APPLYING FOR:**  3SquaresVT in a SNAP  3SquaresVT in a SNAP & Fuel Assistance

## 1. Tell us about you, the applicant.

First name, middle name, last name & suffix (Jr., Sr., III, etc.)		Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy)
Social Security number	Phone number where we can call you (     )     -	Town where you live
Mailing address (street address or PO box, city, state, zip code)		
Physical address (if different from mailing address)		
Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	Are you disabled? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Are you a U.S. citizen? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>THE QUESTIONS BELOW ARE OPTIONAL. ANSWERING WILL NOT AFFECT YOUR ELIGIBILITY OR BENEFITS.</b>		
<b>Race (check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> all that apply):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black/African American <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Other		<b>Ethnicity (check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> one):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Hispanic/Latino

## 2. Now, let's see if you qualify to get benefits within 7 days. This is called expedited service. Answer the questions below for EVERYONE applying for 3SquaresVT in a SNAP.

Did anyone get food benefits this month in any state?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Is anyone a migrant or seasonal farm worker?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
What is everyone's total gross income ( <i>before deductions are taken out</i> ) this month?	\$
How much money does everyone have in cash on hand and any bank accounts?	\$
How much is your monthly rent or mortgage payment?	\$
How much are monthly utilities (heat, air conditioning, hot water, cooking & lights)?	\$

New  
Application  
Form  
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# Authorized Reps & Other Client Partners

Authorized Representative

Alternate Reporter

Alternate Payee

Assistor

Point in Time Call

Community Partner



# ▶ Poll Question 1



# 3SNP Eligibility Determination

## How Can Someone Get onto 3SNP?

- Current 3SquaresVT Households are Converted:
  - At Interim Report, or
  - At Recertification
- New Applications
  - At Initial Application

APPLICATION/DOCUMENT PROCESSING CTR  
280 STATE DRIVE  
WATERBURY VT 05676-9944

Questions? Call John Worker at  
at **802-555-5555** or **1-800-479-6151**

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**IMPORTANT**

Information about your right to  
appeal this action and your rights  
under the Americans with Disabilities  
Act is on the back of this notice.

**Notice of Decision**

**3SquaresVT**

As part of your approval to receive 3SquaresVT, your reporting responsibilities for 3SquaresVT have changed. For your convenience, your 3SquaresVT case has been placed on 3SquaresVT in a SNAP. This means you must inform us if someone moves in, moves out, gets married or has a baby, or if someone in your household gets a job or starts self-employment.

Your certification period ends on 12/13/2019. At that time, you will get a separate notice about what you must do to have your 3SquaresVT in a SNAP benefits continue.

# 3SNP Waiver Components

Waives the recertification interview requirement

Unless requested by the household

Streamlines verification by using data matches

Utilizes data matches as much as possible

Waives the Interim Report

No required contact at midpoint

Extends the certification period to 36 months

Up from 24 months

# 36 Month Certification Period



## DETAILS

Normally, 3SquaresVT households with only seniors and/or disabled households have 24-month certification periods, this requirement is waived under 3SNP and the certification period for these households is extended.

## BENEFITS

This waiver allows elderly/disabled households, who have few changes in circumstances, to continue receiving 3SNP for a longer period of time uninterrupted.

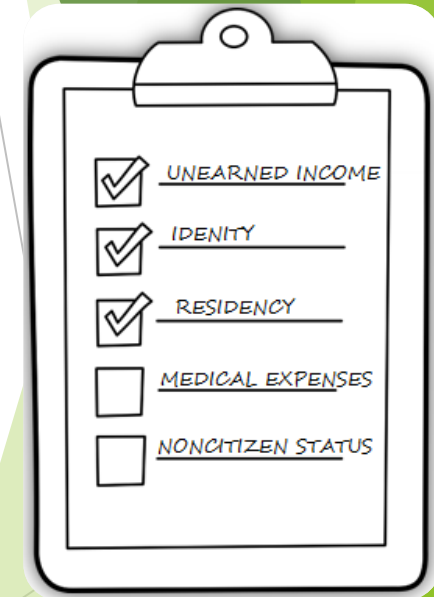
# Simplified Verification

## Details

Normally, 3SquaresVT households are required to verify household circumstances. 3SNP waives the requirement that households verify unearned income, residency, identity, SSN, and shelter expenses, unless questionable. Instead, existing electronic verification will be used to the greatest extent possible. **Non-citizen status, child support paid, and medical expenses that exceed \$35 must be verified.**

## Benefits

3SNP households do not, by definition, have earnings. Nearly all eligibility information is available from the Social Security Data Exchange and other existing electronic sources. Waiving normal verification requirements reduces the administrative burden on households and district offices and maximizes use of existing information.





# Waived Interim Report

## DETAILS

Normally, 3SquaresVT households must complete interim reports in the mid-point of their certification period. This is done to make sure there are no changes in the household circumstances.

## BENEFITS

This waiver eliminates the interim report requirement for elderly/disabled households who are a part of 3SNP. This will reduce churn by keeping eligible households connected to the program by reducing required contact points.



# ▶ Poll Question 2

# Recertification Interview - For Initial Applications

## DETAILS

Normally, 3SquaresVT households are required to complete an interview at annual recertification, this requirement is waived under 3SNP and no recertification interview is required.

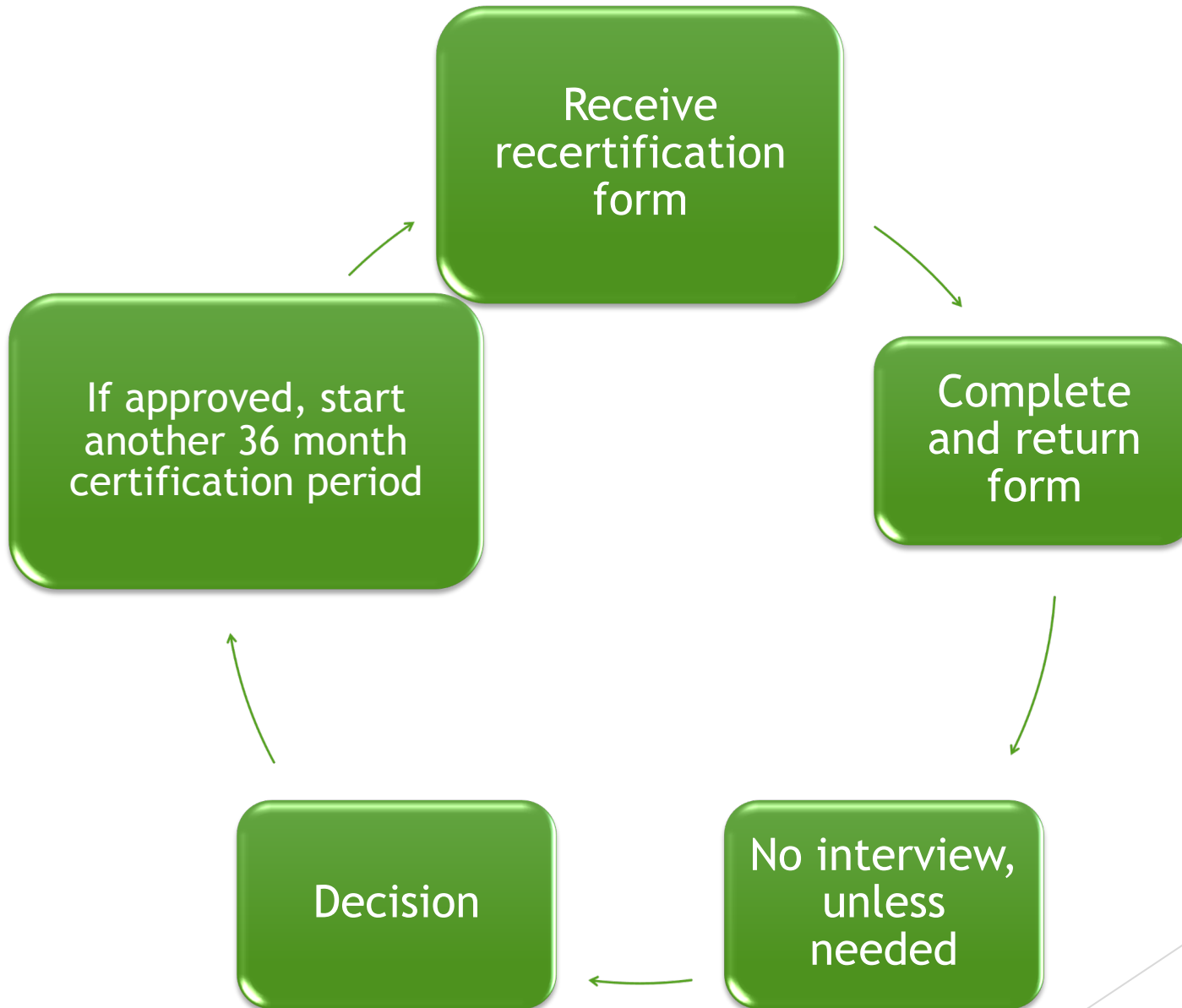
## BENEFITS

This waiver allows elderly/disabled households, who have few changes in circumstances, to continue receiving 3SNP without the requirement of an interview.





# What Will Recertification Look Like?



# Reporting Changes for 3SquaresVT in a SNAP

3SNP has different reporting requirements than 3SVT. Here are the reporting requirements for 3SNP:

- ▶ HHs *must report within 10 days after the month the change occurred when:*
  - ▶ Anyone in the household gets a job or starts self-employment.
  - ▶ Anyone moves in, moves out, gets married or has a baby.

# What Happens if a 3SNP Household Has a Change That Makes them Ineligible for 3SNP?



Retain 36-month Certification Period



Receive Interim Report



Will have an Interview at Recertification



Basically Becomes a 3SquaresVT Household



Ineligible for ECP Fuel

# Fuel Assistance - Reporting Requirements



- ▶ *If receiving Fuel Assistance, you must report when:*
- ▶ You move to a new residence or have an address change.
- ▶ You have a change to the way your home is heated, or who supplies your fuel.
- ▶ Anyone in your household has an increase or decrease in income, such as a pay raise or loss of a job.
- ▶ Anyone moves in, moves out, gets married or has a baby.

# What Happens to their ECP Fuel?

Retain 36-month Certification Period



Receive a 201SF (annual reporting requirement)



Confirm Fuel Information



Basically Becomes a Regular Fuel Household

# Dedicated Caseworkers in ESD Offices

Caseworker  
phone  
number

Individual  
Caseworker

Dedicated  
Training



# ▶ Poll Question 3

# The Older Adult Population- Strategies to Reach Them

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## Diverse Population

The 60+ population is a huge and diverse population.

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60 - 64- year olds have different needs than the 70+ population or 80+.

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## Myths & Barriers

Minimum Benefit Amount

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Stigma

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Others More Deserving

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## How to Reach Them

Online/Facebook

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Phone/Mail

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Trusted Partner

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Questions