of meals to be exchanged for SNAP benefits. These organizations may accept SNAP benefits only after authorization by USDA.

7450 SIMPLIFIED SNAP – IMPROVED NUTRITION (IN) PROGRAM

Individuals who receive SSI and live on their own or live with a spouse, who also receives SSI, can apply for a simplified SNAP, Improved Nutrition benefits. The IN program is a simplified process to apply for SNAP benefits, with no interview required, verification requirements that are normally required are waived, 3 year certification period is allowed, and a households receive a standard amount of SNAP benefits based on their shelter circumstances. There are no reporting requirements during their 3 year certification period as all information is received through Social Security Administration data matches.

7451 DETERMINING IF AN SSI RECIPEINT IS ELIGIBLE FOR IN BENEFITS

In order for an SSI recipient to be eligible for IN benefits they must meet the following criteria:

- Their SSI payment must have a current pay status (CO1 on the SDX screens).
- They must be at least 18 years of age
- If single and living with others, the SSI recipient must purchase and prepare food separately from others.
- If married, the SSI recipient's spouse must also be receiving SSI benefits in current pay status.
- The SSI recipient must not live an institution.
- The SSI recipient cannot have children under the age of 22 living with them.

7452 APPLYING FOR IN BENEFITS

Individuals can apply for IN benefits using the DSS EA-301 application or the DSS EA-301I application. Benefits Specialists should review the application for potential IN eligibility by using the criteria above. If IN elig is suspected, the Benefits Specialist should use the IN prescreening tool to determine if IN or SNAP benefits are greater. If IN benefits are greater, then the IN program should be offered to the individual and they can choose the simplified application process. If the applicant applies for SNAP benefits using the EA-301, the Benefits Specialist must review their application for potential IN eligibility using the above criteria. If the above criteria is met, then the Benefits Specialist should use the IN pre-screening tool to determine if SNAP or IN benefits are greater. The IN program should be discussed with the customer and they can choose whether to finish the regular application for SNAP or do the IN application The applicant always has the choice to choose to receive of IN or SNAP benefits. Remember IN benefits do not require any verification so if the applicant chooses IN benefits, then no verifications should be requested.

7500 NON-HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS, INELIGIBLE MEMBERS, EXCLUDED AND DISQUALIFIED PERSONS

7510 NON-HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS

Non-household members include individuals who reside with the household but do not purchase/prepare meals, roomers, and live-in attendants. Non-household members may not be considered household members when determining the household's eligibility. The non-household member is not allowed to participate, their income/resources/allowable expenses are not