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General Information Memorandum

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TO: ISD Employees

FROM: Niki Kozlowski, Director, Income Support Division

DATE: March 18, 2025

RE: FFY 2025 SNAP Performance Report- First Edition

Attached please find the first issue of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Performance Report for FFY 2025. This report includes all Quality Control (QC) findings received for the review months of October 2024 - September 2025.

The FFY 2025 Performance Goals are:

- •Cumulative Payment Error Rate of 6% or better (Payment Accuracy 94%)
- •Cumulative Negative Error Rate of 1% (Case and Procedural Error Rate (CAPER) of 99%)
- •Expedite and Non-Expedite application processing timeliness of 95%

If there are any questions or comments, please contact Marcos Rivera of the Quality Assessment Bureau, e-mail at HCA.QIS@hca.nm.gov.

Attachment: First Edition SNAP Performance Report for FFY 2025





First Edition

Federal Fiscal Year 2025

Quality Control Review Findings October 2024 - September 2025

Issued by:
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SNAP Performance Report

SNAP Performance Report: First Edition

This Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Performance Report for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2025 includes all Quality Control (QC) findings received for the review months of **October 2024 – September 2025.** A new edition is published monthly; this is the First Edition for FFY 2025.

State Performance Goals

The State reports on three areas and is evaluated by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) on these areas:

- Payment Accuracy
- Case and Procedural Error Rate (CAPER)
- SNAP Timeliness for Expedite and Non-Expedite

For FFY 2024, the State Performance Goals are as follows:

Payment Accuracy



A cumulative error rate of 6% or better, for a payment accuracy of 94% or better.

CAPER



A cumulative negative error rate of 1% or better, for a CAPER accuracy of 99% or better.

SNAP Timeliness



A timeliness rate of 95% or better for SNAP Expedite and Non-Expedite.

The Payment Error Rate is calculated from the QC Positive Sample cases for the review month, which are the cases actively receiving SNAP benefits. QC reviews the last action taken on the case to certify the eligibility, which could be an Application, Interim Report, or Recertification.

The CAPER Error Rate is calculated from the QC Negative Sample cases for the review month, which are SNAP cases that were denied or terminated during the review month. QC reviews the last action taken to deny/terminate eligibility. The CAPER rate reviews the caseworker action and notices sent to the household. If a notice is not clear and concise and/or does not match the case record, the case is found in error even if the action to deny the case was correct.



Payment Accuracy

State Cumulative Payment Error Rate

The cumulative rates are the ongoing totals and averages taken from the total QC reviews for the fiscal year. These totals contain reviews from the month of **October 2024.**

Ineligible Benefits

\$978.00 (3.70%) in benefits were incorrectly issued to recipients who were not eligible to receive SNAP benefits.

Total Error Amount

\$12,220 in benefits were incorrectly issued to recipients and is a combination of overpaid, underpaid, and ineligible benefits. This is based on the total cases reviewed by QC and the \$26,410 total benefits issued within those cases.

23.14%
Payment
Error Rate

Underpaid Benefits

\$552 (2.09%) in benefits were not appropriately issued to recipients who were eligible to receive a higher amount in SNAP benefits.

Overpaid Benefits

\$4,580 (17.34%) in benefits were incorrectly issued to recipients who were eligible for a lesser amount in SNAP benefits.

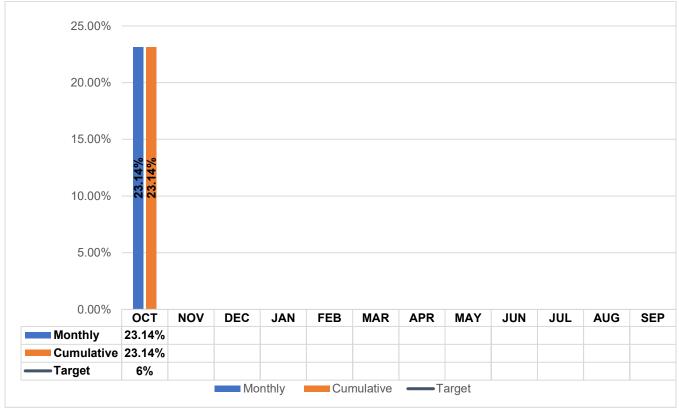
Cumulative Totals - October 2024

Total Benefits Paid in QC Sample	\$26,410
Total Error Amount in QC Sample	\$6,110
Total Cases Reviewed by QC	82
Total Cases with Errors	18
Total Correct Cases	64
Total Cases with Overpaid Benefits	12
Total Cases with Underpaid Benefits	3
Total Cases with Ineligible Benefits	3
Cases Dropped (In Sample, not Reviewed by QC)	122



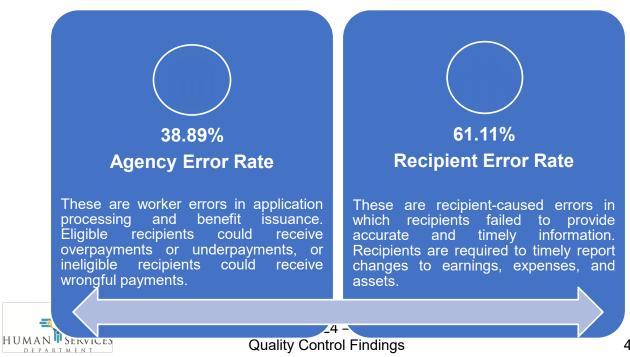
FFY 2024 State Payment Error Rates

Monthly vs. Cumulative Error Rates



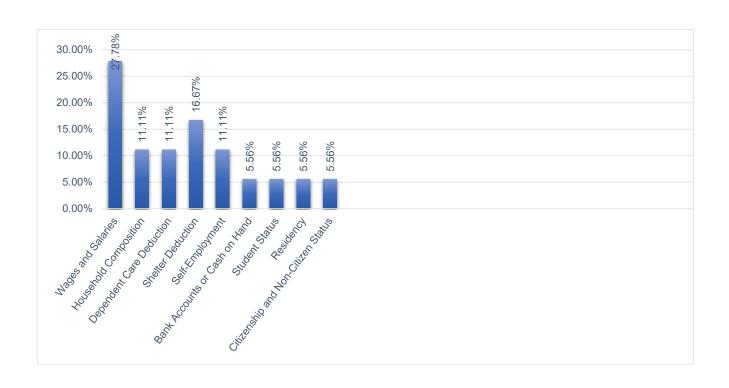
Monthly totals are for the individual review month, cumulative totals are the totals of all months added together.

Are they Agency or Recipient Errors?



Cumulative Totals – October 2024										
Error Element	Error Amount	Error Percentage								
Wages and Salaries	\$2,566	27.78%								
Household Composition	\$828	11.11%								
Dependent Care Deduction	\$622	11.11%								
Shelter Deduction	\$492	16.67%								
Self-Employment	\$443	11.11%								
Bank Accounts or Cash on Hand	\$394	5.56%								
Student Status	\$292	5.56%								
Residency	\$292	5.56%								
Citizenship and Non-Citizen Status	\$181	5.56%								

FFY 2024 SNAP Error Trends - Cumulative Totals





FFY 2024 SNAP Payment Error Rates

Regional and County Breakdowns

Percentages are on based total amount of benefits in error divided by the total of benefits issued in the QC sample.

		ост	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	TOTAL AVG.
2	Cibola	100%												100%
gio	McKinley	15.27%												15.27%
Region 1 Northwest Region	San Juan	11.41%												11.41%
Region 1 hwest Re	Sierra	0.00%												0.00%
Rethw	Socorro	0.00%												0.00%
Von	N. Valencia	0.00%												0.00%
	S. Valencia	0.00%												0.00%
Regi	on 1 Totals	23.54%												23.54%
	Colfax	0.00%												0.00%
ion	Guadalupe	0.00%												0.00%
Region 2 Northeast Region	Quay	0.00%												0.00%
ion st F	Rio Arriba	0.00%												0.00%
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ort	Sandoval	46.59%												46.59%
Ž	Santa Fe	10.83%												10.83%
	Taos	0.00%												0.00%
Regi	on 2 Totals	21.79%												21.79%
	NE Bernalillo	20.31%												20.31%
n 3 ral	NW Bernalillo	0.00%												0.00%
Region 3 Central Region	SE Bernalillo	0.00%												0.00%
\$ 2 5	SW Bernalillo	33.19%												33.19%
	Torrance	100.00%												100.00%
Regi	on 3 Totals	27.93%												27.93%
,	Chaves	18.31%												18.31%
Region 4 Southeast Region	Curry	50.66%												50.66%
n 4 Reg	Artesia	0.00%												0.00%
Region 4 heast Re	Carlsbad	0.00%												0.00%
Re	Lea	57.43%												54.43%
no	Lincoln	0.00%												0.00%
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Regi	on 4 Totals	24.43%												24.43%
	E. Dona Ana	0.00%												0.00%
St	Grant	0.00%												0.00%
on ive	Luna	0.00%												0.00%
Region 5 Southwest Region	Otero	0.00%												0.00%
So	S. Dona Ana	56.47%												56.47%
	W. Dona Ana	0.00%												0.00%
Regi	on 5 Totals	14.65%												14.65%
Sta	nte Totals	23.14%												23.14%



SNAP Payment Error Rates Mitigation Strategies

Identified reasons for cases found in error during the month of October:

- Reported Information disregarded or not applied.
- Client failed to report required information.
- Agency failed to follow up on inconsistent or incomplete information.

Description of activity developed to resolve deficiencies:

Quality Control reviews are referred to the offices where the error was made for review by the worker and their direct supervisor. County Director written responses are required within ten days of the issuance of the QC finding.

Committees and work groups are developed as needed in review of common error trends and system development or error. These teams consist of County Directors and Line Managers from ISD Regions and the Field Support Bureau, representatives from the ASPEN Help Desk, Policy & Program Development Bureau, Quality Assessment Bureau, and the Training Support Bureau. Staff identify the reason for the error and steps to prevent recurring errors and submit inquiries for policy and procedure clarifications.

Presentations are developed target areas identified and are discussed at bi-monthly staff meetings with local Workload teams.

Review processes and findings procedures are reviewed and updated consistently to incorporate FNS findings and observations from QC Reviews, Timeliness Technical Assistance Reviews, State Systems Reviews, Payment Accuracy Reviews etc. as well as any new or adjusted legislation, policy, standards or consent decrees as needed or available.



FFY 2024 Case and Procedural Error Rate (CAPER)

State Cumulative Negative Error Rate

Invalid Closure Breakdown

Out of the 10 invalid denials/closures identified, 3 were identified as an incorrect closure, and 7 were identified as incorrect denials.

14.08% CAPER Error Rate

Negative Error Amount

10 cases out of 71 were found to have been denied or closed incorrectly. These cases were found to have errors with denial/closure reasons, timeliness, and/or notices.

Incorrect Notices

30.00% of the incorrect negative actions reported were due to unclear or incorrect notices issued.

Incorrect Denials

70.00% of the incorrect negative actions reported were due to incorrect denial/closure reasons and/or untimely denials/closures.

Cumulative Totals - October 2024

Total Cases in Sample Pulled for Review	71
Cases Dropped (Sampled not Reviewed by QC)	4
Total Cases Reviewed	67
Total Valid Cases	61
Total Invalid Cases	10



FFY 2024 Top Error Trends in CAPER Reviews

Cumulative Totals from CAPER Reviews: October 2024

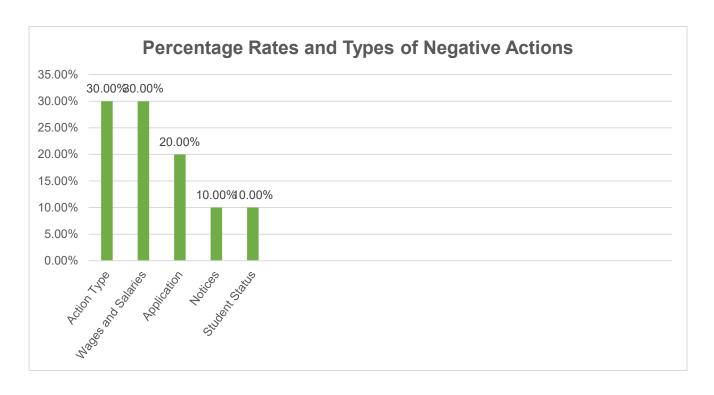
Reason for the Error		he Errors curred	Total	Percent of Cases with Error		
	Denials	Terminations	Errors			
Rar	nk #1: Action	Туре				
Policy incorrectly applied-no other code applicable	3	0	3	30.00%		
Total	3	0	3	30.00%		
Rank #	2: Wages and	l Salaries				
Agency failed to follow up on inconsistent or incomplete information	1	0	1	10.00%		
Policy incorrectly applied- no other codes applicable	1	0	1	10.00%		
Improper income calculation	0	1	1	10.00%		
Total	2	1	3	30.00%		
Ra	nk #3: Applic	ation				
Late denial agency failed to process the application timely	1	0	1	10.00%		
Policy incorrectly applied- no other codes applicable	0	1	1	10.00%		
Total	1	1	2	20.00%		
F	Rank #4: Noti	ces				
Failed to sent notice of action	0	1	1	10.00%		
Total	0	1	1	10.00%		
Rank	#5: Student	Status				
Agency failed to follow up on inconsistent or incomplete information	1	0	1	10.00%		
Total	1	0	1	10.00%%		



FFY 2024 CAPER Errors – Cumulative Totals

Percentage Rates and Types of Negative Actions: October 2024

Error	Den	Denials Closures Total Invalid				Percentage Total
Action Type	3	30.00%	0	0.00%	3	30.00%
Wages and Salaries	2	20.00%	1	10.00%	3	30.00%
Application	1	10.00%	1	10.00%	2	20.00%
Notices	0	0.00%	1	10.00%	1	10.00%
Student Status	1	10.00%	0	0.00%	1	10.00%
TOTAL	7	70.00	3	30.00	10.00	100.00%





FFY 2024 CAPER Error Rates

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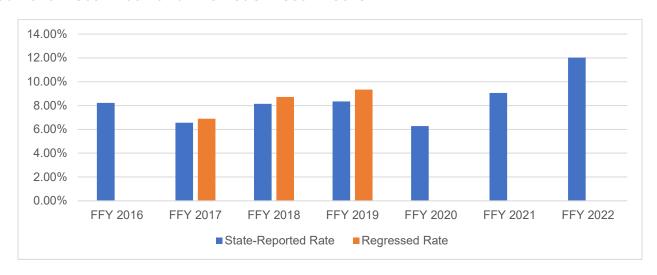
FFY 2024 Regression Rates

Regression rates are calculated by FNS and depend on such variables as FNS reviews of QC-reviewed cases and the State's caseload size. The following charts give the State-reported error rates and the regression rates for Payment Accuracy and CAPER.

***Please note that regression rates were not issued for FFY 2016 and FFY 2020. A CAPER regression rate for FFY 2019 and FFY 2020 was not issued. FFY 2021, FFY 2022, FFY 2023 and current data for FFY 2024 have not been issued at the time of this report.

Payment Error Rate

Current Fiscal Year and Previous Fiscal Years



CAPER Error Rate

Current Fiscal Year and Previous Fiscal Years

