

## VALIDATION OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES CASE IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS

According to the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS), the administering agency of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), SNAP and TANF numbers should meet the following criteria. Child and Adult Care Food Program sponsoring organizations must ensure only appropriate case id-numbered applications are approved for Tier I reimbursement. If an application is approved for Tier I reimbursement and the number does not follow this format, reimbursement will be reduced to the Tier II rate for those meals claimed.

**Format for SNAP and/or TANF Case Numbers**

General Format	Type of Assistance	Local Office	Group	Individual
Number of Digits	## (2)	### (3)	## (2)	### to ##### (3 to 6) May start with a letter or number
Sample Number	04	226	03	F19876

### General Rules

- Numbers must contain 10–13 digits.
- Numbers starting with 04 or 06 signify TANF cash benefits are being received and the student automatically qualifies for free benefits.
- Numbers starting with 08 signify SNAP benefits are being received and the student automatically qualifies for free benefits.
- Numbers starting with 91, 92, 93, 94, or 96 designate medical benefits are being received.
  - **To approve these numbers, a “22” must be in *Group* position (6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> digits)** which signifies the household also receives SNAP benefits and thus the student can be approved for free benefits.  
**Example:** 91-226-22-F19876 qualifies for free meal benefits.
  - If the *Group*'s position number is anything but 22, it cannot be approved for free benefits.  
**Example:** 91-226-00-F19876 does not qualify for free meal benefits.

Household Income Eligibility Applications with invalid case numbers that list LINK card numbers or list numbers designating they receive only medical benefits, cannot be automatically approved for Tier I reimbursement. However, the household may submit an application with household income information and reimbursement may be approved based on that information.

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