
Answers to

Self-Sufficiency
Service Coordination Quiz
FSS Regs



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1. The only HUD-required member of the Program Coordinating Committee is a representative of the PHA.
 - a. True
 - b. False *
2. Discretionary FSS policies must be in the FSS Action Plan, regardless of whether it is a Public Housing or Section 8 FSS Program.
 - a. True *
 - b. False
3. HUD approval is not required for revisions to the FSS Action Plan.
 - a. True
 - b. False *
4. If an FSS family has not completed its contract obligations at the end of the contract term, the PHA's mandatory minimum program size is reduced by one slot.
 - a. True
 - b. False *
5. The Program Coordinating Committee (PCC) helps monitor client progress on their individual training and services plans. (ITSP).
 - a. True
 - b. False *
6. FSS coordinators may execute an FSS contract with a family who is on the housing waiting list.
 - a. True
 - b. False *
7. The family member designated as the FSS head of household must be the same person designated as the head for rent calculation purposes.
 - a. True *
 - b. False
8. PHAs may establish a policy to target up to ___ of their FSS slots to families currently enrolled or on the waiting list for an FSS-related service or training program.
 - a. 50% *
 - b. 75%
 - c. 100%
9. Motivational screening factors are permitted in selecting families for FSS. Which of the following screening factors is permitted?
 - a. Test results
 - b. Job history
 - c. Credit rating
 - d. Attending a self-sufficiency workshop *
 - e. Sensory or manual skills
10. In a public housing FSS program PHAs may offer an enrollment preference for families who live in, or are willing to move to, a specific development.
 - a. True *
 - b. False

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11. Adults, other than the FSS head, who have individual training and services plans must comply with their interim goals and tasks, but do not have to maintain employment in order to complete the FSS contract.
 - a. True *
 - b. False
12. The PHA may modify the contract of participation to change the head of household on the contract and to extend the term of the contract.
 - a. True *
 - b. False
13. If the PHA extends the FSS contract of participation past 5 years, escrow credits stop accruing during the extension period.
 - a. True
 - b. False *
14. The PHA may extend the contract of participation when:
 - a. The head has suffered a serious illness
 - b. The family needs the extension in order to meet the requirement of being welfare-free for 12 consecutive months
 - c. Involuntary loss of employment
 - d. All of the above *
15. The effective date of the FSS contract of participation is:
 - a. The day it is executed
 - b. The first of the month after the contract is executed *
 - c. The first of the month after the last rent calculation became effective
 - d. None of the above
16. Becky is a public housing resident who is signing up for FSS. 30% of her adjusted monthly income is \$72; 10% of her monthly income is \$105; the PHA minimum rent is \$50. What would you enter as the “family rent” into the FSS contract?
 - a. \$72
 - b. \$105 *
 - c. \$50
17. What would you enter for the family rent if Becky was a Section 8 participant?
 - a. \$72 *
 - b. \$105
 - c. \$50

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18. At the time of execution of the FSS contract, the effective date of Susie's last recertification was December 1. The effective date of the FSS contract is March 1. Which statement below is true?
- An interim reexamination is needed before executing the FSS contract
 - No interim reexamination is required before executing the FSS contract *
 - An interim is only needed if it will change the baseline figures *
19. If a public housing FSS family fails to comply with the lease, the PHA may:
- Terminate tenancy
 - Terminate the FSS contract
 - Withhold support services
 - All of the above *
20. If a public housing FSS family fails to comply with its FSS obligations, the PHA may:
- Withhold supportive services
 - Terminate tenancy
 - Terminate the FSS contract
 - Both a and c *
21. If a Section 8 FSS family fails to comply with its FSS obligations, the PHA may:
- Terminate the FSS contract
 - Terminate the family's rental assistance
 - Withhold supportive services
 - All of the above *
22. When a HUD regulations state that the FSS program "may" take a certain action, the PHA must stipulate its policy decision in the FSS Action Plan.
- True *
 - False
23. HUD requires that the head of house be employed for 6 consecutive months before the FSS contract can be considered complete.
- True
 - False *
24. The Individual Training and Services Plan (ITSP) must be developed with specific goals before the FSS contract may be executed.
- True *
 - False
25. As long as the head of house is employed, the PHA may still provide supportive services to former FSS families who have successfully completed their contract.
- True *
 - False
26. For purposes of contract completion, welfare assistance does not include:
- Cash payments such as TANF to meet the family's ongoing needs
 - Energy assistance payments
 - Food stamps
 - Both b and c *

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27. The escrow credit stops when the family's adjusted annual income exceeds:
- The extremely low income limit
 - The low income limit *
 - The very low income limit
28. When determining the income limit for purposes of escrow calculation, the adjusted annual income is compared to the income limit.
- True *
 - False
29. Any increase in income will trigger the calculation of the escrow account.
- True
 - False *
30. Earned income includes workers compensation and unemployment benefits.
- True
 - False *
31. If the FSS head adds an adult to the family who is employed, the earned income of the new person is not considered in the calculation of the escrow credit.
- True
 - False *
32. In a Section 8 FSS program, the funds that credit escrow accounts come from:
- Administrative fees
 - The Housing Assistance Payments account *
 - Operating reserves
 - Additional subsidies provided by HUD for FSS programs
33. FSS completions on or after October 21, 1998 from voluntary slots count towards the reduction of the PHA's mandatory minimum program size
- True *
 - False
34. If a family fails to report an increase in income (as required by the PHA) but repays the money to the PHA, the PHA can credit the escrow account retroactively.
- True
 - False *
35. In public housing FSS programs, PHAs are required to include the amounts credited to the escrow as part of their monthly rental income when requesting operating subsidy.
- True
 - False *
36. The earned income of a 17-year-old spouse would be counted in the calculation of the escrow credit.
- True *
 - False

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37. After the initial increase in earned income after the effective date of the FSS contract, the escrow credit must be calculated:
- Only at annual reexaminations
 - At least semi-annually
 - At every interim or annual reexamination where there is earned income *
 - Only when submitting the FSS addendum action code
38. If an FSS participant becomes employed and qualifies for the earned income disallowance, what effect will this have on the escrow account during the full exclusion period?
- Escrow credits will decrease
 - Escrow credits will increase
 - There will be no effect *
 - The FSS participant has a choice whether to get the earned income disallowance or pay the higher rent and increase the escrow
39. Interim disbursements from the escrow account must be repaid if the family later fails to complete its obligations under FSS.
- True
 - False *
40. If a family completes the FSS contract, it automatically is entitled to receive its escrow disbursement.
- True
 - False *
41. Under portability, if a receiving PHA absorbs the voucher and accepts the family into its FSS program, the escrow account would be maintained by:
- The initial PHA
 - The receiving PHA *
 - The participant
42. If a receiving PHA accepts a portable FSS family into its FSS program, the receiving PHA executes a new contract that will be valid for an additional 5 years.
- True
 - False *
43. Voluntary FSS programs are not required to have a HUD-approved FSS Action Plan.
- True
 - False *
44. PHAs who have a mandatory Section 8 FSS program and a voluntary public housing FSS program can count their public housing FSS families in meeting their mandatory program size for Section 8.
- True
 - False *
45. Because FSS requires the head to seek and maintain employment, the PHA is not required to market their FSS program to elderly or disabled persons.
- True
 - False *