

Impact of Criminal Record on Public Benefits in Pennsylvania

	Outstanding warrant or fleeing prosecution	Any probation or parole violation	Unpaid fines, court costs, or restitution	Currently incarcerated
TANF^{1, 2}	Ineligible for failure to appear for any criminal court case (including misdemeanors) until resolved.	Ineligible until resolved.	Ineligible unless up-to-date with approved payment plan.	Ineligible.
Federally funded MA³	Not relevant	Not relevant.	Not relevant.	Ineligible
General Assistance related MA	Ineligible for failure to appear for any criminal court case (including misdemeanors) until resolved.	Ineligible until resolved.	Ineligible unless up-to-date with approved payment plan.	Ineligible.
SSI	Ineligible if have a felony warrant for flight or escape; otherwise not relevant.	Ineligible if <u>adjudicated</u> guilty of parole/probation violation. If just a warrant for VoP, not relevant.	Not relevant unless violates a condition of probation or parole.	Ineligible for benefits. Not required to reapply for benefits if incarcerated for less than a year – benefits are in suspended status.
SSD	Ineligible if have a felony warrant for flight or escape; otherwise not relevant. Family members are still entitled to benefits.	Ineligible if <u>adjudicated</u> guilty of parole/probation violation. If just a warrant for VoP, not relevant. Family members are still entitled to benefits.	Not relevant unless violates a condition of probation or parole.	Ineligible if convicted of a criminal offense and incarcerated for more than 30 continuous days. Family members are still entitled to benefits. Not required to reapply on release – benefits are in suspended status only.
SNAP/Food Stamps	Ineligible if fleeing prosecution for a felony, until resolved.	Ineligible until resolved.	Not relevant unless violates a condition of probation or parole	Ineligible

¹ State welfare fraud convictions carry the following disqualification periods:

First time: ineligible for TANF and GA for 6 months

Second time: ineligible for TANF and GA for 12 months

Third time: permanently ineligible for TANF and GA.

² Not eligible for TANF, GA., Food Stamps or SSI for ten years after a conviction for making a fraudulent statement or representation regarding your state of residence in order to receive assistance for more than one state.

³ Federally-funded MA is MA for families with children, children under 21, pregnant women, people with disabilities lasting more than 12 months and people 65 and over.