

## Eligibility Determination Groups

not normally excluded from consideration for the SNAP Program is used to determine the gross income compared to the E & D column amount.

The individual who meets these three requirements and his spouse and children under age 22 may be a separate AG, even if living with and purchasing and preparing food with others. The disability must be verified by a licensed medical professional, unless it is obvious to the Worker. See Section 12.15.

(2) Purchase and Prepare Separately

Individuals or groups of individuals living with others, but who customarily purchase food and prepare meals separately, are an AG.

Customarily purchasing and preparing food separately means that, during the certification period, the client actually purchases and prepares his food separately from the others in the household over 50% of the time, except for an occasional shared meal. This occasional sharing of food does not interfere with his separate AG status.

EXCEPTION: The following individuals who live together must be in the same AG, even if they do not purchase and prepare meals together.

- Spouses are individuals who are **legally** married to each other under **provisions of state law or those moving to West Virginia from states that recognize their relationship as a legal marriage.**