

Application for a Variance

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Full Name of Pet Owner _____

Name of Pet _____

I would like to apply for a variance from the pet owner eligibility criteria for the VSNIP Program. Here is a telephone number where you can reach me during the day if you have questions:

Understandings

I understand that I must include a copy of my denial letter that shows why I was denied a voucher. I also understand that the VSNIP rules say financial hardship, by itself, is not a reason for a variance. I understand that a variance is an exception to the rules and it is up to me to convince the Agency why my case should be treated differently. I understand that VSNIP is a public benefit program and making false representations to get a voucher may subject me to legal action, including criminal penalties.

Justification for a Variance

Here is my full explanation and the reasons for why my situation is unique and different and why I think the eligibility criteria should not apply to me and my household pet (use additional page if needed)

I have included letters or other documents from other people to support my request:

No Yes, if so, please list names _____

Certification

I certify that I have read the understandings and that all of the information I provided on my application and in this request for a variance is true and accurate.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please remit this completed form and a copy of your VSNIP denial to: Vermont Department for Children and Families, Economic Services Division, ATTN: Tonia Mulcahy, 156 So. Village Green, Suite 201, Middlebury, VT 05753. If you have questions, please call 1-877-867-1424.