Poverty Law 1 University of Minnesota Law School Fall 2003 Prof. Meghan Scullv

SNAP Exercise

You are a gov't benefits attorney working at a community legal clinic. You are scheduled to meet with two new clients, Magda and Ari. This is your first meeting with both. Prepare for the meeting.

Assume that the client's goal is to receive SNAP benefits.

For each client, determine the applicable law and draft a list of questions to ask the client at your first meeting. These questions should help you gather additional facts so that you can provide them with appropriate legal advice.

Client 1: Magda

- 1. Magda applied for food support and her application was denied.
- 2. Magda is 20 years old.
- 3. Magda is enrolled in a local community college.
- 4. Magda is not currently working. She receives financial aid.
- 5. Magda lives in Dakota County

Client 2: Ari

- 1. Ari is 48 years old.
- 2. Ari lives in Ramsey County with 1 roommate.
- 3. Ari lost his job 3 months ago and is currently looking for work.
- 4. Ari is interested in applying for SNAP but is hesitant.

During class, Prof. Scully will play the role of Magda and Ari. The class will collectively work to interview and provide legal advice to both clients. Students should be prepared to provide citations to support their legal advice and to discuss the process and steps they took to prepare for the client interview.