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To: Department of Transitional Assistance Staff

From:  Sarah Stuart, Associate Commissioner for Local Implementation and Special Populations

Re: **SNAP: When a Case Becomes Non-Categorically Eligible During the Certification Period**

Overview

Most households that receive SNAP benefits are categorically eligible. However, some households are considered non-categorically eligible due to:

- failing to comply with the SNAP Work Program, or;
- being disqualified under an Intentional Program Violation (IPV), being in receipt of multiple SNAP benefits, trading SNAP benefits, being a fleeing felon or being subject to Voluntary Quit

Additionally, a household is considered non categorically eligible if the household's income is greater than 200% of the Categorical Eligibility Gross Income Standards. Although elderly/disabled SNAP households are not subject to a gross income limit for SNAP eligibility, they are still subject to the 200% gross income limit for categorical eligibility purposes.

When a household that includes at least one household member that is elderly or disabled, becomes non-categorically eligible for SNAP **during their certification period**,

**Overview
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BEACON will automatically convert the case as non-categorically eligible and prompt the asset match to be applied to the case, such as the DOR Bank Match.

When a case changes from categorically eligible to non-categorically eligible during the certification period for Simplified Reporting households, DTA staff must not address assets nor request verification of assets until the household's next reporting period.

The Data Match Unit (DMU) must disposition these bank matches and not request additional verification from the household. A narrative must be entered for the next worker to address assets at the household's next reporting period.

Purpose

This Online Guide update issues procedures for processing Simplified Reporting households that become non-categorically eligible during the certification period and who are later found with bank matches.

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Questions

If you have any policy or procedural questions, after conferring with the appropriate TAO personnel, please have your Systems Information Specialists or TAO management email them to [DTA.Procedural Issues](#).

Systems issues should be directed to the Systems Support Help Desk.
