

**Policy Clarifications - Food Stamp**  
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**Subject: Medicaid Applicant Requests FS**

An application for Medicaid was received 10/1. On 10/13 the client is interviewed; at the interview the client states that he wishes to apply for food stamps also. Is a second application required, or should the application dated 10/1 be used? If eligibility is determined, what is the effective date of the FS authorization?

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If the client submitted a **PA 600**:

- A second application **is not** required.
- The effective date for FS is 10/1, since the client's request was made known within 30 days of the date of the application.
- If the client's request did not become known until after the 30 day processing period, the effective date would be the date the client requested FS.
- If the CAO determines on 10/13 that the household is eligible for expedited processing, the time frame for issuing benefits begins with the date the CAO discovered the entitlement (10/13 in the example). Explain the reason for the delay in the case narrative.

If the client submitted a **MEDICAID-ONLY application form** (PA 600C, PA 600M, a **COMPASS application requesting only Medicaid**, etc.):

- A second application (either a PA 600 or Food Stamp Only application) **is** required. The Medicaid-Only application form is not to be considered a food stamp application.
- The effective date for FS would be the date of the second application.

FNS provided guidance on this issue. This clarification makes obsolete FS 003-504 (TR 1561) and any other clarifications on this issue.