

**Policy Clarifications - Food Stamp  
PFS13668506**

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**Subject: Interview Requirement for Expedited FS**

[PFS-13547-506](#), includes a desk guide attachment for expedited services. Under the section "Failure to respond to the PA 1599" the second bullet states, "Authorize expedited FS for applicant household if applicable."

Under what circumstances would this be possible if an applicant must be interviewed before expedited benefits can be issued as per last sentence in desk guide?

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**Response By: Denise Hoffman**

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The statement in the Desk Guide was not intended to mean that expedited benefits are issued without an interview.

You are correct that an interview must occur before a decision can be made regarding eligibility for Expedited FS. The interview can be a face-to-face or a telephone.

The PA253 notice goes out to the client informing them to come in or call to review the application. Then after the client contacts the CAO, which can be a face-to-face or a telephone interview, the CAO authorizes/rejects the Expedited FS.