

Policy Clarifications - Food Stamp PFS12992568

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Subject: Net Income Exceeds level for Which Benefits are Issued

What is the correct way to handle a food stamp household, which is not categorically eligible, and whose net income is below the net income limit, and yet is ineligible for an allotment? (Please reference case # 10/XXXXXXX: 3 person, suffix S; net income is \$1,330, net income limit is \$1,341; yet according to the allotment table, no allotment is issued once the net income equals \$1,327 or more). CIS is leaving the case open with a zero allotment. Is this correct? If not, on what basis should the food stamps be closed?

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It is incorrect to leave the case open with a zero allotment. Benefits should be closed.

For eligible households with three or more members which are entitled to no benefits, except those households entitled to no benefits as a result of proration and the provision precluding issuance of less than \$10 in an initial month, the CAO will deny the household's participation on the grounds that its net income exceeds the level for which benefits are issued. [55 Pa. Code 501.9(e), 7 CFR 273.10(e)(2)(iii)(A)]

The notice text for the income test (612) does not cover these circumstances so a manual notice will be required.