

## Policy Clarification – SNAP PFS-17665-506

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Agency: CAOs

**Subject: Expedited SNAP Review for Households Currently Receiving SNAP**

**Question:** Is it necessary to review every application for Expedited SNAP even if the household is already receiving SNAP and the purpose of the application is either to apply for a different benefit or to add on a new individual?

**Response by: Division of Federal Programs**

**Date: 08/25/15**

Every application is subject to a preliminary review, the first result of which should be to determine whether the application is from an **applicant or recipient household**.

**An applicant household-** *is a one- or multi-person household which has submitted an application requesting benefits the household currently does not receive. An applicant household must be screened for expedited SNAP.*

**A recipient household-** *is a household currently receiving SNAP, and is applying for a different benefit or adding on a new member to the SNAP benefit. A recipient household does not need to be screened for expedited SNAP.*

**Example 1:** Ms. H and her two children receive SNAP. They apply to add Mr. H to their SNAP benefits, as he recently returned to the household. A preliminary review determines this is not an applicant household, and no Expedited SNAP review is necessary.

**Example 2:** Ms. H and her two children receive SNAP. The CAO receives an application for Ms. H's adult cousin, Ms. T, and her child who recently moved in with Ms. H and her family. A preliminary review determines that Ms. T and her child are a separate household from Ms. H and constitute an applicant household. Ms. T's application must be reviewed for Expedited SNAP.

**Note:** Please remember to include the preliminary review of **recipient households** in the narrative, and include that an Expedited SNAP review was not applicable.