

Policy Clarifications - SNAP PFS 16703-578

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Subject: Verification of Resources at Application

I have a SNAP application with multiple resources a checking account, one vehicle, a life insurance policy, and a 401k. The household provided a copy of the bank statement but no verification of the additional resources. Should I reject this application for failure to provide the requested verification?

Response By: Division of Federal Programs

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No, this application should not be rejected for failure to provide the requested verification.

You should verify a resource only if it affects a household's eligibility or is questionable. One vehicle is excluded per household and this household only has one. You should not delay processing waiting for verification of the vehicle since it will not affect the household's eligibility. Per 540.53 you do not need verification of the life insurance policy and 401k as they are excluded resources. The 401k and life insurance are excluded until a household member withdraws them. Since all resource verification to determine the household's eligibility was provided you should process the application as soon as possible.

Reminder: At Renewal and SAR you do not need verification of resources if the resources remain the same. You should only request verification if the information provided is questionable or a new resource is listed that would affect the household's eligibility.