

Policy Clarifications – Food Stamps

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If a Puerto Rico evacuee is being added to an active SNAP household as per OPS 171002, should the CAO issue a One Time Issuance (OTI) for the full month of October for the whole household?

Response By: Division of Federal Programs

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No.

If the Puerto Rico evacuee(s) is receiving SNAP benefits, but plans to return to Puerto Rico, or is unsure if they will return to Puerto Rico at the time of application, the Puerto Rico evacuee(s) should be treated as a separate SNAP household from anyone sheltering them, even if the household purchases and prepares meals with others.

If the Puerto Rico evacuee(s) is planning to remain in Pennsylvania, the CAO should add the evacuee(s) to the active SNAP household following normal SNAP procedures.