

TRANSITIONAL FOOD STAMPS CLOSED CASE REVIEWS

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SITUATION: The Sample Month is June. In May, the CWD sends a Notice of Action terminating the households "regular" Food Stamps because CalWORKs has also been terminated. In the Sample Month, the household begins its five-month period for receiving Transitional Food Stamps (TFS).

QUESTIONS:

1. Has a negative action occurred because of the termination of "regular" food stamps?
2. What are the review findings if the household resumes receiving "regular" food stamps after receiving a TFS termination NOA?
3. What if the household does not receive "regular" food stamps at the end of the TFS eligibility period?

RESPONSES:

1. The case is not subject to review (NSTR) because no negative action has occurred. (In fact, the household's allotment increases.) The "termination" NOA is not valid as this is not in reality a termination as defined in FNS-310 Section 1310 because there is no break in participation. ("Break in Participation" is defined as a situation wherein the household did not receive a full month's allotment authorized in the sample month for the sample month or a prorated allotment. In this instance, the household received a full month's allotment of TFS benefits.)
2. The above response also applies when the household receives a "termination" NOA and resumes program participation as a NA case; the case is NSTR.
3. The case is NSTR because the household has not been recertified.