

SITUATION:

HH consists of the father, mother and one child. Review type is C. Aid was approved for this family as of 12/2/02. Our review month is 1/03.

QUESTION:

Do we drop this case as being in the wrong universe since it is a new applicant case? When I coded T10 as 1, it gave me a fatal edit saying that I cannot have a review type A or C and code T10 as 1, however, 1 is the correct answer. If I review the case, do we have to force the edit?

ANSWER:

To be a "new applicant", the sample month would have to be the first month in which assistance is received, and the month in which the application was filed would have to be preceded by a calendar month of non-assistance. If the family received a grant in December, then January is not a new applicant month and T10 should be coded "2" and that should clear the edits. If the family filed an application 12/02/02 and was approved with the first payment going out in January for both December and January, then this is a new applicant case and should be dropped. New applicants have their own universe from which they are sampled.