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	Attachments:		
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1. TAD Business Rule for SNAP ABAWD

The Family Independence Administration (FIA) has requested that the use of Reason code **F94** (Able Bodied Adult without Dependents [ABAWD]) must be restricted to only Fair Hearing staff .The TAD (Turn Around Document) business rule will run if the **F94** is used on the suffix or individual level and the user is not enrolled in Centralized SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) Fair Hearing.

The following error message will be displayed if the Non-Fair Hearing Worker attempts to use the **F94** Reason code on the suffix or individual level:

"The reason code F94 is restricted to the staff enrolled at FSH only. You are not authorized to use reason code F94."

2. ABAWD Eligibility Update

The POS (Paperless Office System) rule for the calculation of age in the employment code determination was previously not the same as the rule in WMS (Welfare Management System). POS has updated the calculation of age to comply with WMS calculations for ABAWD rules.

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For more details please see Attachment B, Streamline POS for SNAP Center \$15.

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4. Temporary SNAP Eligibility for Alien # A000000000

POS has been modified to accept a Selected group Of Non-Citizens. This is required for SNAP only applicants with the **temporary Alien Number A00000000** and **Alien Type G** (Persons paroled into the US for at least one year) or **B** (Certain battered aliens who are the immediate relatives (spouse or child) of a US citizen or lawful permanent resident alien who have been battered or subject to extreme cruelty by the spouse or parent) or **K** (Persons lawfully admitted for permanent residence). Per procedure, these individuals have a six month grace period to obtain and present proper immigration documentation for the next SNAP Recertification. This rule applies for applicants that are 18 years old or older.

Alien FS Eligibility Summary (Supervisory Activity)

This is the Summary window where the Supervisor will review the results of Eligibility Determination for these individuals.

In the below example the applicants with Alien Num = **A0000000** and the Alien Citizenship Indicator **G/B/K**, and they are 18 yrs or older will always be eligible for SNAP. POS will display the correct result as shown below.



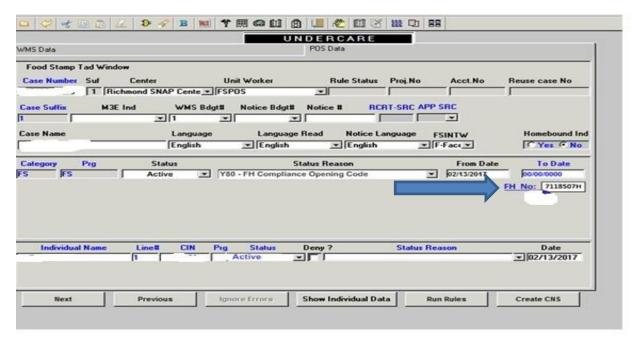
5. Fair Hearing Update

The Cash Assistance and SNAP Fair Hearing Workers are now able to enter the Fair Hearing (FH) number on the **POS TAD** window. Previously, the FH number was associated with two opening codes **Y80** (Fair Hearing Compliance) and **Y81** (Case was closed or rejected up to one year ago and is being reopened due to a Fair Hearing decision). Now the FH number has been expanded to be used with any additional opening code.

The Fair Hearing number is located under the **To Date** field of the SNAP TAD window. The code consists of seven numbers followed with a letter.

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POS TAD Tab - Case Level (SNAP case)



If the Fair Hearing Worker enters data that is not valid, POS will display the following message, "The FH number should be of 7 numeric followed by an alpha."

To correct this error the Worker must enter in seven numbers followed by a Letter in the FH Number field.

6. Required Budget Letter for LDSS 3152 (Action Taken On Your SNAP Benefits Case)

POS will mail a budget letter (WINRO146/154/155) to SNAP applicants/participants along with the **LDSS 3152**.

The earned income reason codes are used when the Worker determines that the excess income is sufficient for the household needs. The Excess income codes are: **E30** (Excess Income No TMA), **E31** (Increased Employment Earnings [TMA Eligible]), **E33** (Excess Income - Increased Earnings [TMA Guaranteed]), **E34** (Excess Income - Receipt of SSI [HH=1]), **E35** (Excess Unearned Income [No TMA]), **E39** (Excess Income - COLA) **E40** (Excess Income - Budgeting Error), and **F39** (Excess Income - COLA). An Open TI call will be made when the supervisor prints or commits the form on cases that are closed due to the above excess income codes.

POS will initiate the budget when the supervisor prints or commits the form on SNAP cases that are being closed due to the above excess income codes. The **LDSS-3152** is now a Print To Mail form along with the required budget letter. In addition, the **LDSS-3152** will be indexed to the HRA One Viewer.

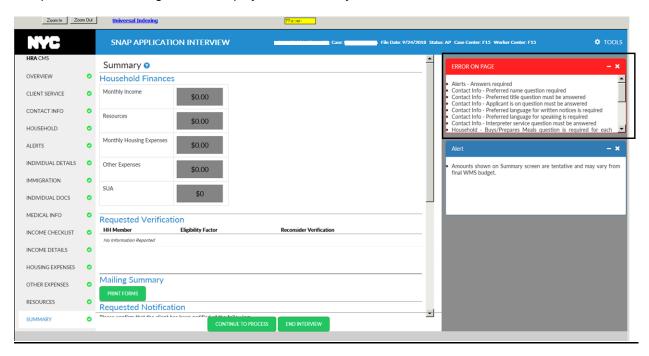
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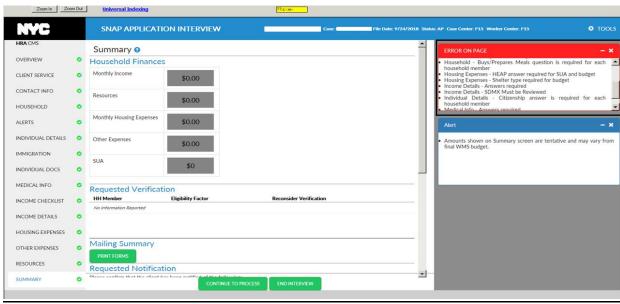
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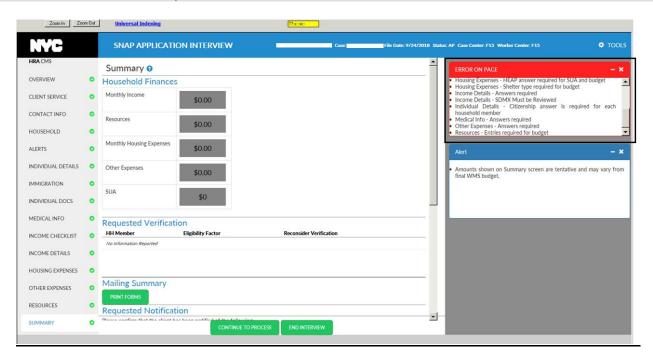
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Samples of error messages/alerts displayed on Summary section





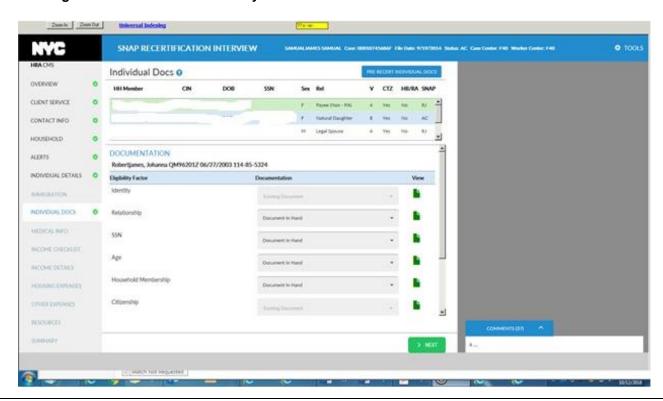
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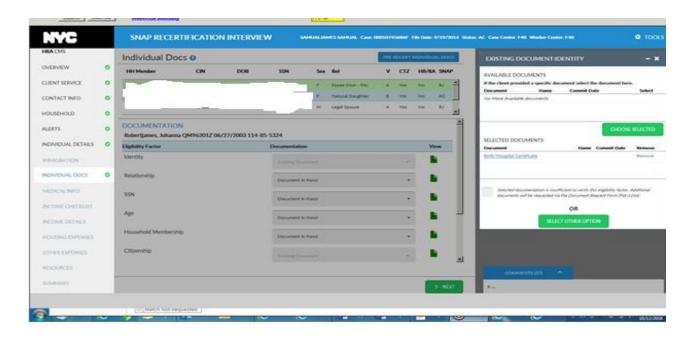
8. SPOS Document Updates

SPOS has been updated to allow the Worker to choose to use an existing document or request documents. The Worker is able to see the documents after SPOS finds them in the following instances:

Existing Documents found for Identity

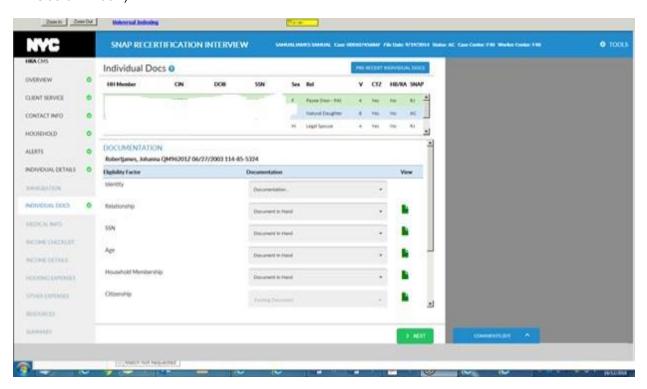


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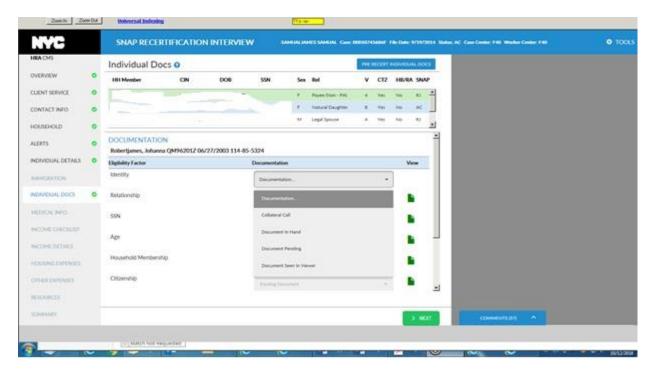
Example Select Identity

• Click the green paper icon to open the panel. The Worker has additional options. They can select the document for current use or select other options to close the existing document window (located on right side of window).

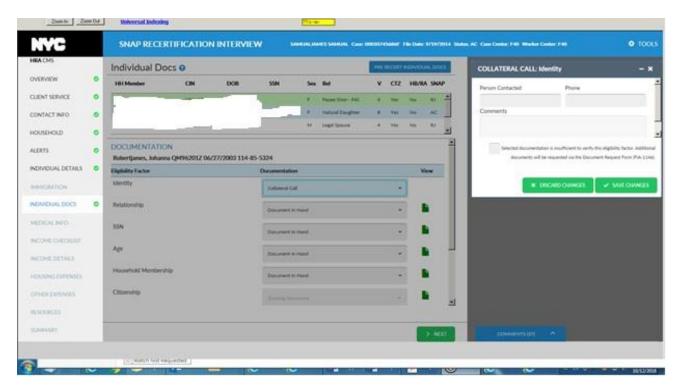


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 When the window is closed the Worker is now able to select another choice from the Documentation dropdown such as Relationship.

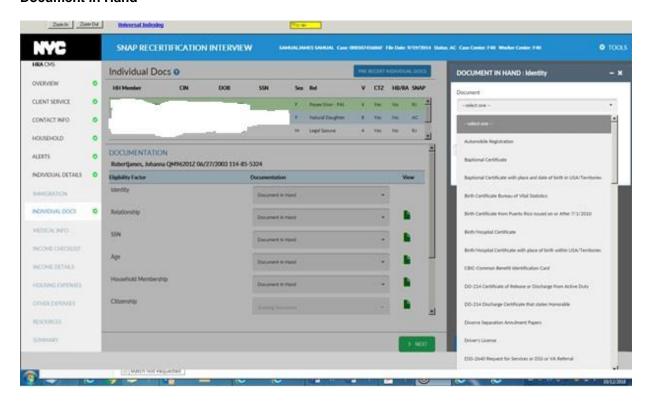


Collateral Call

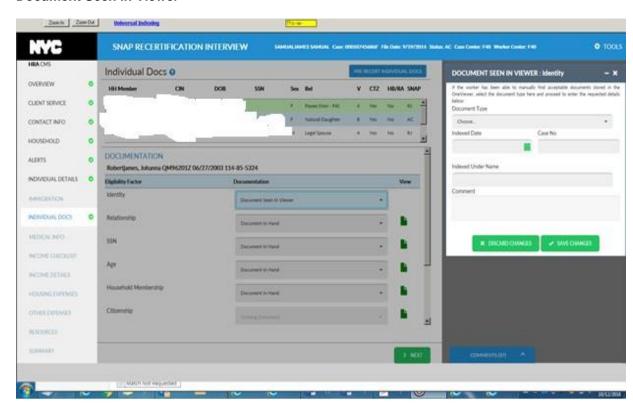


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Document in Hand

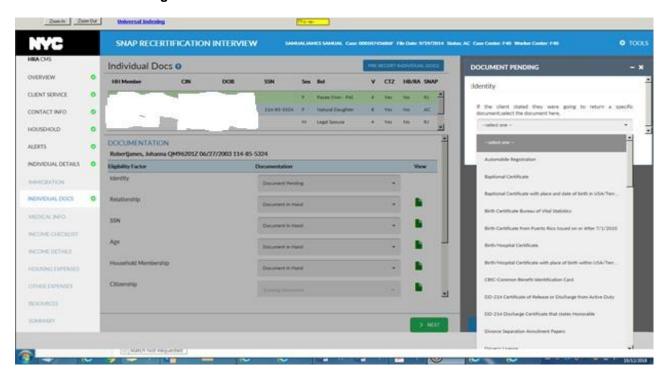


Document Seen in Viewer



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Documentation Pending



9. Office of Central Processing POS Update

POS is available at the Office of Central Processing (OCP). The Office of Central Processing will have the ability to process Brad H case. POS has added a Brad H Application queue to receive these specific cases for processing.

10. Job Center Updates

On September 17, 2018 Brooklyn Family services Call center # 17 moved to 404 Pine Street, Brooklyn, NY 11208. On October 1, 2018 Dekalb Job center #64 moved to 275 Bergen Street Brooklyn, NY 11217. Refer to CD #18-22 for details on the Brooklyn moves. As of September 14, 2018, the Fort Green SNAP Center (S20) at 275 Bergen Street, Brooklyn, NY 11217 and the North Brooklyn SNAP Center (S26) at 500 DeKalb Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11205 have closed. Refer to CD #18-21 for details on the Brooklyn closings.

11.LDSS-3938 - SNAP Application Expedited Processing Summary Sheet

The **LDSS-3938** has been updated to capture and reflect all required information on the form when transmitted to the supervisor for review.

12. WMS Release 2018.3

October 2018 SNAP Table Changes and THRIFTY Food Plan MRB

Effective October 1, 2018, SNAP Standard Deductions, Excess Shelter Maximum, 130%, 165% and 200% Poverty Level, Standard Utility Allowance (SUA), NYSNIP, and the Net Income Level changed. The changed amounts will be used for budgets with Effective Dates of 10/A/2018 or later. Budgets with Effective Dates prior to 10/A/2018 will use the 2017 amounts.

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Monthly amounts for budgets with Effective Dates of 10/A/2018:

Standard Deduction

Households of 1 through 3 - \$164 (new)
 Households of 4 - \$174 (new)
 Households of 5 - \$204 (new)
 Households of 6 or greater - \$234 (new)

- Excess Shelter Maximum \$552 (new)
- Minimum SNAP allotment amounts for household size 1-2 \$15 (new)

130%, 165% 200% Gross Levels, Net Income Levels, Zero Benefit Levels, TFP Levels (new)

HH	Gross	Gross	Gross	SNAP	SNAP	SNAP Max.
Size	130%	165%	200%	Net	Excess	Allotment
	Income	Income	Income	Income	Income	
	Level	Level	Level	Level	Level	
01	\$1,316	\$1,670	\$2,023	\$1,012	NA	\$192
02	1,784	2,264	2,743	1,372	NA	353
03	2,252	2,858	3,463	1,732	1,676.70	505
04	2,720	3,452	4,183	2,092	2,130.04	642
05	3,188	4,046	4,903	2,452	2,530.04	762
06	3,656	4,640	5,623	2,812	3,040.04	914
07	4,124	5,234	6,343	3,172	3,360.04	1,011
80	4,592	5,828	7,063	3,532	3,840.04	1,155

Standard Utility Allowance (SUA)

The SNAP SUA amounts for New York City will change effective 10/A/2018:

- Combined Heat/Utility/Phone SUA (Level 1) \$800
- Combined Utility/Phone SUA (Level 2) \$316
- Telephone SUA (Level 3) \$30

NYSNIP

NYSNIP benefit levels will be provided later – TBD. Refer to PB #18-65 for details.

CNS

CNS paragraphs will be updated separately.

Medicaid

• There are no MA implications with this mass update.

Adding New CA Closing/sanctioning codes

Three new PA Closing/Sanctioning has been added to WMS and POS. The codes are:

- N45-Voluntary Quit (HH=1)
- N46-Voluntary Quit (HH=1)
- N47- Voluntary Quit (HH=1)

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These codes will no longer have any specific sanction periods.

New SNAP Rejection/Closing Code J07

When the CA Worker is closing a case from SI (Single Issue)/AP (Application Pending)/AP to CL (Closed)/RJ (Rejected)/RJ, they must use the SNAP **J07** code to initiate the SNAP separate determination when the Worker determines that the case is ineligible for recurring CA assistance but is unable to determine if the case is eligible for SNAP benefits. If the budget determines they are ineligible for SNAP they should proceed to use another CA/SNAP rejection code to process the case.

Note: A "1" will automatically be placed in the M3E Indicator field to avoid a clock-down of the CA closing.

The SNAP Reject Code **J07** should not be used in the following instances:

(1) If the CA Closing code is not a SNAP Separate Determination code the below error message will appear:

'E2975 STATUS CODES INVILD FOR HYBRID R/C J07'

(2) If the prior PA opening code is not Y37 (Case accepted for single issue payments that have been ordered by a Fair Hearing decision. MA will remain in NA or AP status. [Replaces 008.] This code is for Fair Hearing compliance) or Y41 (Case accepted for immediate needs [pre-investigation]. Case is applying for ongoing assistance. MA will remain in NA or AP status. [Replaces 033]), the below error message will appear:

'E2975 STATUS CODES INVILD FOR HYBRID R/C J07'

(3) If the case has individuals with State/Fed charge code 60 (Maintenance of Effort [MOE] Qualified Alien with less than 5 years in status [Can only be used if ACI Ind is B, K, S, or G]), 67 (State Charge/PRUCOL [Can only be used if ACI Ind is O or T]) or 68 (Qualified Alien [No children under 18 or pregnant women]. Can only be used if ACI Ind is B, F, K, S, or G.) the below error message will appear:

'E2977 FED-CHG 60,67,68 INVALID WITH R/C J07'

13. POS SNAP E-forms

The following Forms have been updated accordingly:

W-119M-SNAP Eligibility Interview Appointment Notice

W-129B-Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Application/Recertification Attestation Signature) Form

W 129RR-Notice of SNAP Recertification Appointment

W-140VV-SNAP Recertification Notice for F61 and F63

W-608V-CBIC Signature Authorization Form

LDSS-3152-Action Taken on your SNAP Benefits Case

LDSS 3938-SNAP Expedited Processing Sheet

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Streamlined POS for S15 (SNAP SSI Center)

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The left-side navigation bar will be enabled (checked off) for all Streamline POS activities for **S15** users.

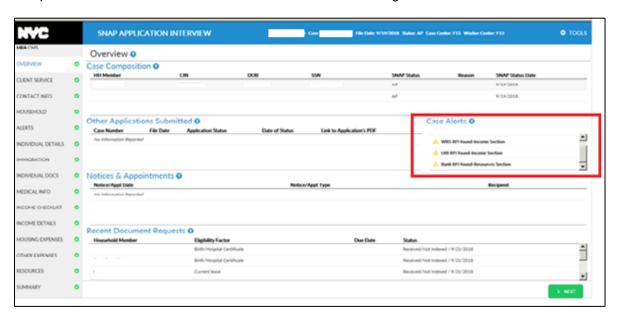
3. Overview Section Changes: Case Alerts for Matches

The Case Alerts that appear on **S15** cases were updated to specify the section of the interview where the match needs to be addressed. These alerts can appear during any SNAP activity in Streamlined POS. All matches that appear on a case must be addressed or resolved before the Worker can move to the processing section of the interview or change action activity.

The following **updated alerts** have been added for **any unresolved RFI** in the Overview section in Case Alerts:

- 1. WRS (Wage Reporting System) RFI found Income Section
- 2. UIB (Unemployment Insurance Benefits) RFI found Income Section
- 3. New Hire RFI found Income Section
- 4. SSA (Social Security Administration) RFI found Individual Details Section
- 5. Bank RFI found Resources Section

Sample screenshot of Overview section with Case Alerts showing RFI matches

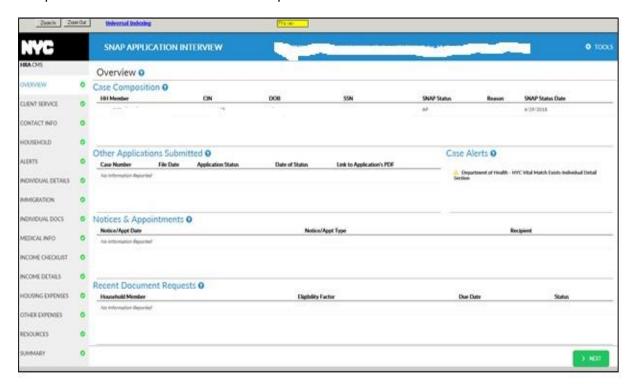


The following updated IVS match alerts were added for **any other match** in the Overview section in Case Alerts to indicate the interview section where the match details are displayed:

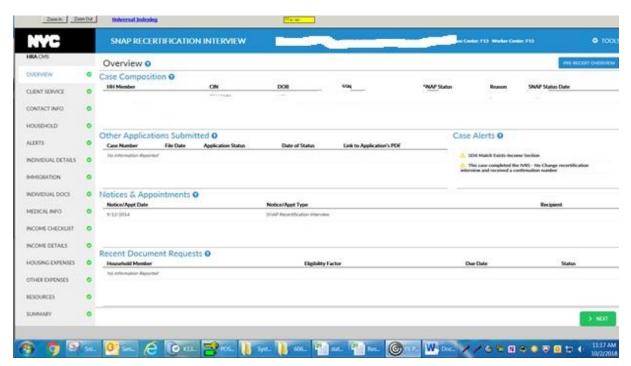
- 1. TALX Income Section
- 2. Child Support Income Income Section
- 3. Vital Records Individual Details Section
- 4. NYCHA (New York City Housing Authority) Housing Expenses Section
- 5. Section 8/HPD Housing Expense Section
- 6. ACCIS (Automated Childcare Information System) Childcare Provider Income Income Section
- 7. NYC Employee Income Section

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Sample Screenshot Of Overview section Dept. Of Health Vital Records



Sample of Screenshot Of Overview section showing IVRS No Change Recertification

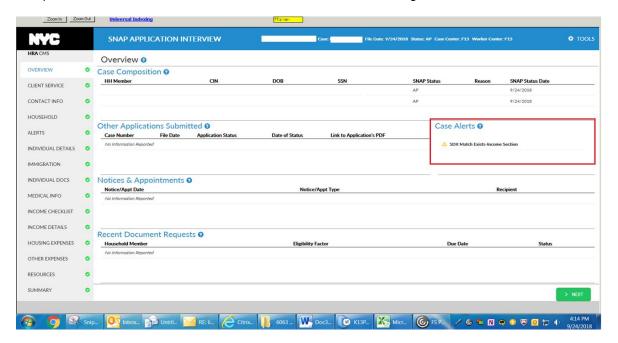


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A new specific alert has been added for any SDX match in the Overview section:

SDX Match – Income Section

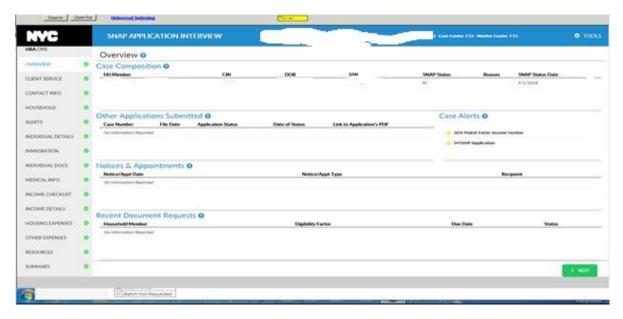
Sample of screenshot of Overview section with Case Alerts showing SDX match:



4. New Alert for NYSNIP Application Interview in Overview Section

A new alert was added in the Overview screen in the Case Alerts section for the <u>SNAP Application</u> <u>Interview only</u>:

"NYSNIP Application"



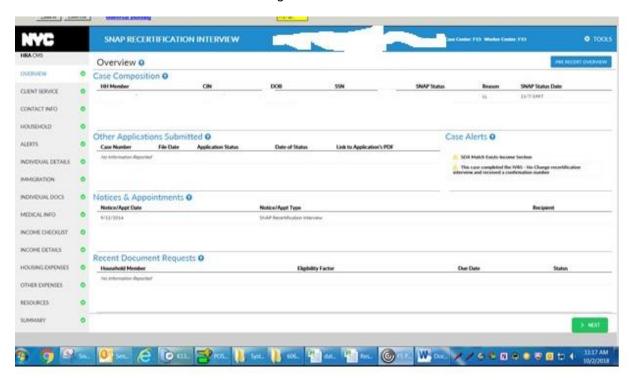
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5. New Automated Comment for Interactive Voice Response System (IVRS) No Change Recertifications

A new **automated comment** in the **Case Comment** area when the **S15** client recertified successfully through the IVRS and received a confirmation number:

 "This case completed the IVRS - No Change recertification interview and received a confirmation number."

New automated comment for IVRS No Change Recertification



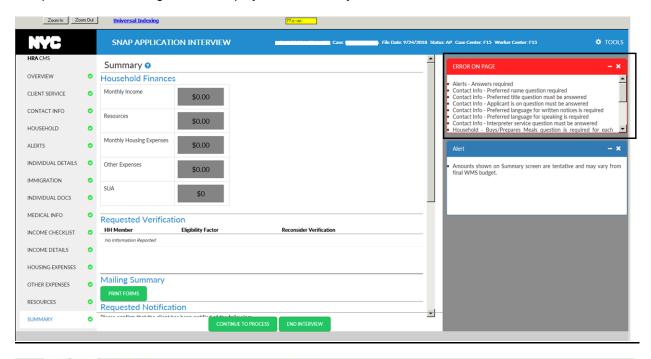
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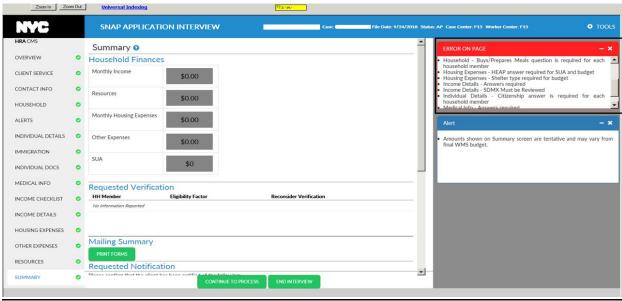
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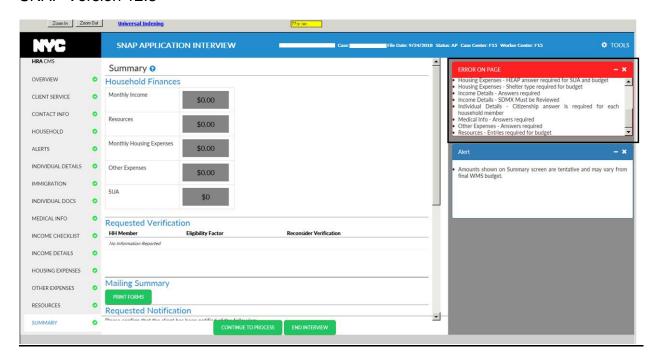
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Samples of error messages/alerts displayed on Summary section





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7. References: SPOS Immigration Workflow

For more details on the Streamline POS immigration workflow, consult your training user guide as well as the policy bulletin **PB 18-29-SYS Streamlined POS 2.0 Non-Citizen Workflow** release notes which can be found on HRA e-docs:

https://hraedocs.hra.nycnet/HRAeDocs/DocumentFunctions/DocumentDirectAccess.aspx?DocId=e6996fe9-6a43-411e-896f-

26dafd405a72&CategoryId=31&VersionDate=5%2f16%2f2018+12%3a11%3a16+PM&FileType=pdf

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8. References: Streamlined POS Release Notes

All prior release notes for Streamlined POS can be found on HRA e-docs. Please see the below policy bulletins for further information.

PB 17-18-SYS SNAP POS Release Notes version 11.1, Attachment B Overview of Streamlined POS

http://hraedocs.hra.nycnet/HRAeDocs/DocumentFunctions/DocumentDirectAccess.aspx?DocId=7bce 03ce-ff77-41f4-bfc0-a021e3c63e72

PB 17-100-SYS SNAP Streamlined POS Version 1.1

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PB 18-01-SYS SNAP Streamlined POS Version 1.2

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PB 18-22-SYS SNAP Streamlined POS Version 2.0

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CD 18-21 FIA Brooklyn Planning for SNAP

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CD 18-22 FIA Brooklyn Planning for Job Centers

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