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(This policy bulletin replaces PB #21-10-SYS)
SNAP POS RELEASE NOTES
STREAMLINED POS VERSION 4.1

Date: March 17, 2021	Subtopic(s): POS
	Revisions to the Original Policy Bulletin
	This policy bulletin has been revised to add new dates for the release of Streamlined POS 4.1 for the pilot rollout of Telephone Interview Processing (TIPS 24) and the citywide rollout of TIPS 42, Social Security Income (S15), Residential Facilities Center (S61) and Mailer and Match Action Program (MMAP).
	Purpose:
	This policy bulletin is to inform Non Cash Assistance Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (NCA SNAP) Center staff that the latest version of the Paperless Office System (POS) will migrate into production on March 29, 2021. Descriptions of the changes can be found in Streamlined POS Release 4.1 (Attachment A – Workers Activities), and (Attachment B – New Features and Functionality).
	The pilot rollout for TIPS 24 is March 29, 2021. The planned citywide release date for TIPS 42 , S15 , Residential Facilities Center (S61) and MMAP is April 26, 2021.
	These release notes can also be found on the HRA Intranet at:
	http://intranetnew.hra.nycnet/sites/HRAIntranet/Pages/POSReleaseNotes.aspx
	Effective March 29, 2021

HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS PROCEDURE? Call 718-557-1313 then press 3 at the prompt followed by 1 or send an e-mail to *FIA Call Center Fax* or fax to: (917) 639-0298 **Attachments:**

Attachment A Workers Activities

Attachment B New Features and Functionality

Attachment A

Streamlined POS Release Notes

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These Release Notes contain descriptions of changes and fixes in the Streamlined Paperless Office System (SPOS) release 4.1 for Monday, March 29, 2021. These and prior Release Notes also be found on the HRA Intranet at http://intranetnew.hra.nycnet/sites/HRAIntranet/Pages/POSReleaseNotes.aspx

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1. Overview of Changes

The Streamlined POS (SPOS) project aims to modernize and improve the interview, change actions and processing for staff in the Paperless Office System (POS) in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) area of FIA (Family Independence Administration), including interviewers, processors, supervisors, and reviewers.

In this release of Streamlined POS, all remaining Classic POS activities will launch into Streamlined POS when they are started. Workers can start activities depending upon the Worker's role and the desired action on the case from Classic POS action menu or from their POS queue. Approval actions can be started by Supervisors and above.

The Worker selects the activity from the Action Menu and presses Start. On the Choose a Case
window, type in the desired case number and click the Search button. Select the case from the
results displayed, then click on the Perform Specified Action button, which will launch the activity in
Streamline POS.

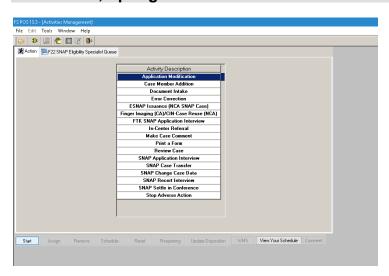
The following Classic POS activities are introduced in Streamline POS Release 4.1:

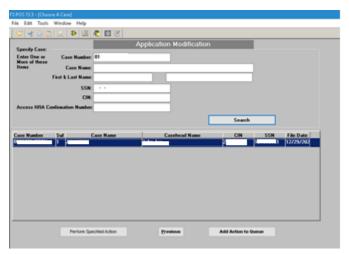
- Application Modification
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- Approve Fail to Keep SNAP Application Interview and Approve EC- Fail to Keep SNAP
 Application Interview
- SNAP Case Transfer
- Approve SNAP Case Transfer

2. Application Modification

- Select Application Modification from the Classic POS Action Menu and click on the Start button to begin an Application Modification on a case.
- Type the desired case number and click the **Search** button on the **Choose a Case** window.
- Select the case from the results displayed, then click on the **Perform Specified Action** button, which will launch the **Application Modification** activity in Streamline POS.

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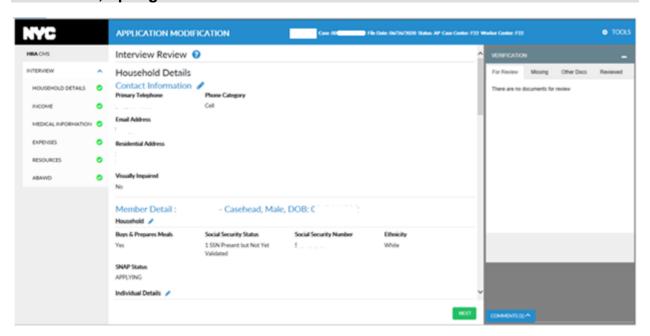
The Worker can access the correct SPOS action to add household members or to update addresses on a case. A **Choose Activity** dialog box appears below to ask, "Do you want to start the application interview?" Click a **Yes** or **No** response.



If **Yes** is selected, the **SNAP Application Interview** activity for that case will open.

If the Worker decides not to start the **SNAP Application Interview**, the system will only open the standalone **SNAP Application Modification** module.

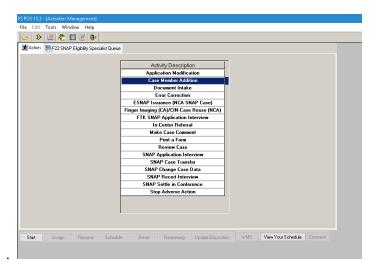
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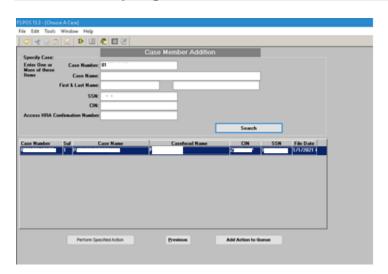
3. Case Member Addition

- To begin, select Case Member Addition from the Classic POS Action Menu and click on the Start button.
- Type the desired case number and click the Search button on the Choose a Case window.
- Select the case from the results displayed, then click on the Perform Specified Action button, which will launch Streamline POS.

Case Member Addition is replaced with opening SNAP **Change Case Data or SNAP Recertification Interview** activities in Streamline POS. From these activities, case members can be added to the household as needed. There will be no stand-alone **Case Member Addition** action, and the Worker can start the *Case Member Addition* for a case when the case is in Single Issue (**SI**) or Active (**AC**) status in the Welfare Management System (WMS).



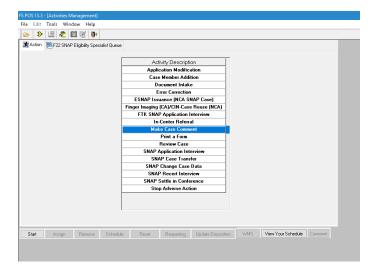
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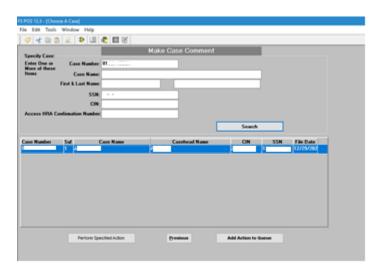
 Click Perform Specified Action to launch SNAP Change Case Data or SNAP Recertification Interview activities in Streamline POS.

4. Make Case Comment

- Select Make Case Comment from the Classic POS Action Menu and click on the Start button to begin a Make Case Comment activity on a case,
- Type the desired case number and click the **Search** button on the **Choose a Case** window.
- Select the case from the results displayed, then click on the **Perform Specified Action** button, which will launch the **Make Case Comment** activity in Streamline POS.

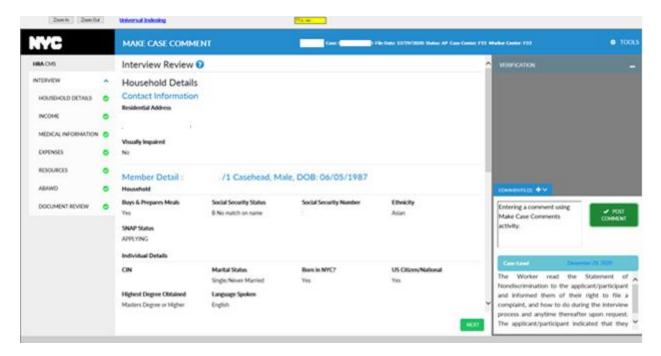


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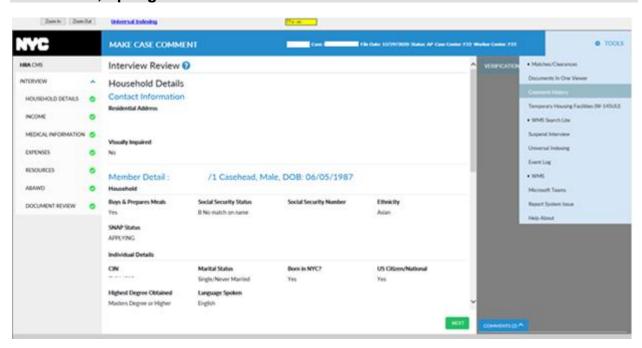


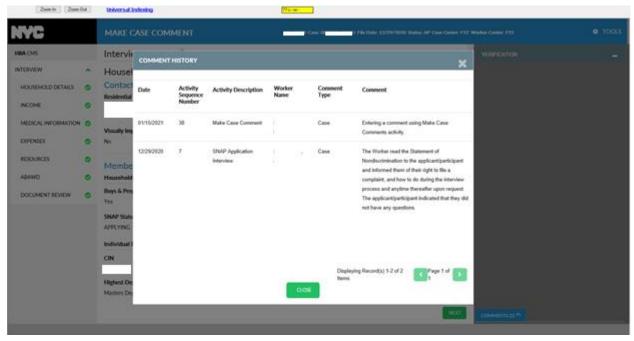
The Make Case Comment activity will now launch in SPOS.

- Workers have the ability to make a detailed Case Comment in SPOS for any events or actions on the case that take place outside of the system.
- Use the Comments widget on the right side to enter comments click the Post Comment button
 when finished typing in the comment. The Worker can see the comment history under the Tools
 Menu.



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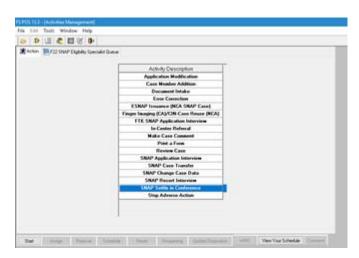


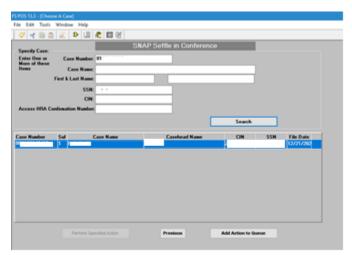


5. SNAP Settle in Conference

- Select SNAP Settle in Conference from the Classic POS Action Menu and click on the Start button to begin a SNAP Settle in Conference activity on a case.
- Type the desired case number and click the Search button on the Choose a Case window...
- Select the case from the results displayed, then click on the **Perform Specified Action** button, which will launch the **SNAP Settle In Conference** activity in Streamline POS.

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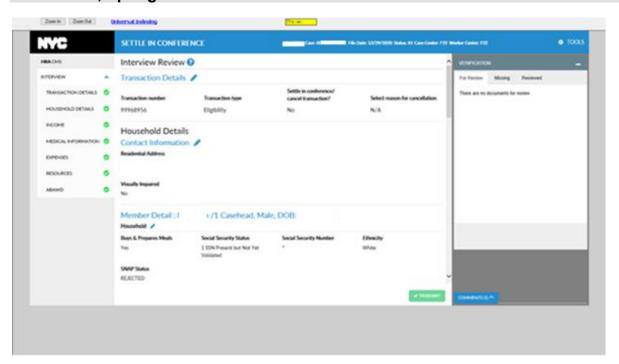




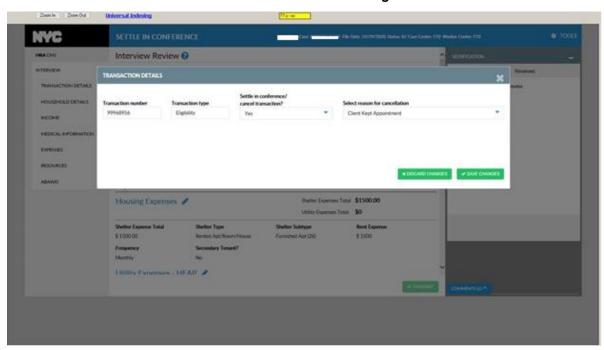
The Worker can view pending transactions that are clocking down in WMS within the case that is being processed and can cancel the action if needed. The new **Transaction Details** section in the **Interview Review** screen includes **Transaction Number**, **Transaction Type**, and **Settle in Conference** or **Cancel Transaction**. The pencil icon allows the Worker to make required entries in a popup window.

- If the Worker answers **Yes** to the **Settle in Conference/Cancel** transaction then they must select a reason for the cancellation.
- The Worker can transmit the **Settle in Conference** for actions that are clocking down in WMS to stop the action if needed. The Worker can then continue to the next action or complete the current action.

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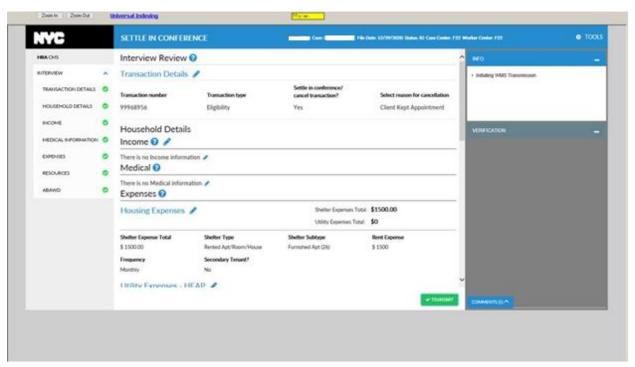


- Click the pencil icon to open the **Transaction Details** popup window. Select **Yes** for the **Settle in Conference/Cancel** transaction.
- Select the reason for cancellation and then click Save Changes.

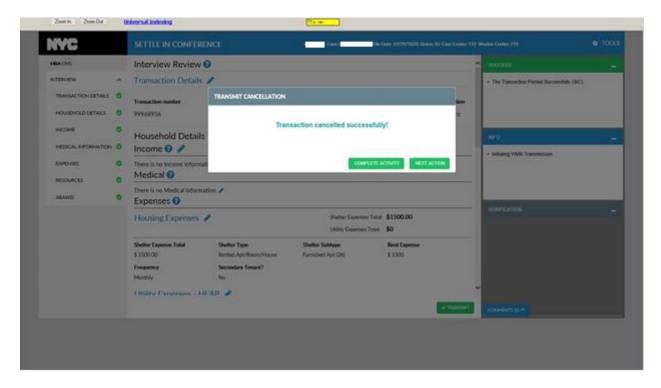


 Click on the Transmit button on the Interview Review screen, to send the Settle in Conference transaction to WMS. POS then initiates the transmission to WMS.

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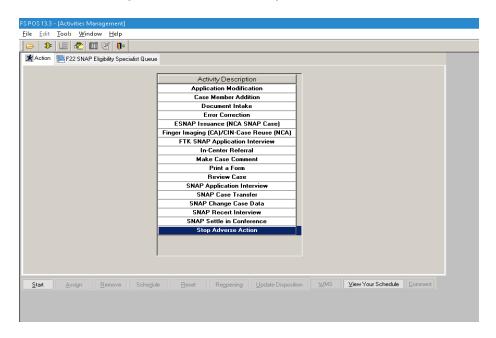
The Worker will receive a notification that the transmission was sent successfully.

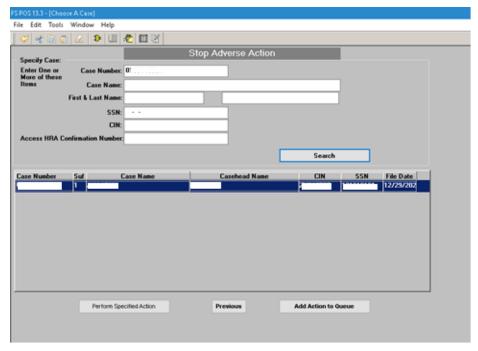


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6. Stop Adverse Action

- Select Stop Adverse Action from the Classic POS Action Menu and click on the Start button to begin a Stop Adverse Action activity on a case.
- Type the desired case number and click the **Search** button on the **Choose a Case** window.
- Select the case from the results displayed, then click on the **Perform Specified Action** button, which will launch the **Stop Adverse Action** activity in Streamline POS.



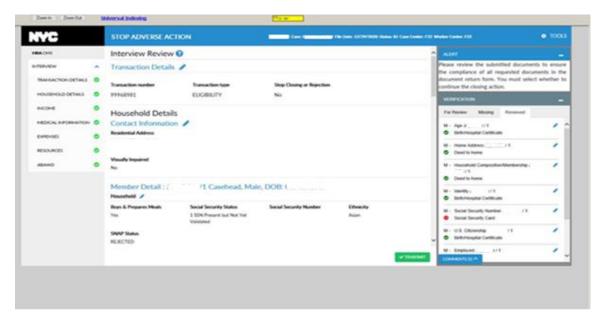


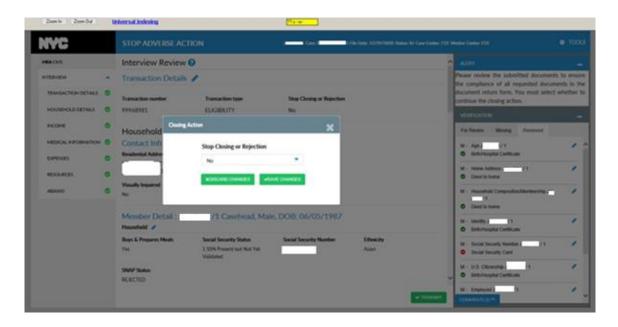
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In SPOS 4, the processor can access **Stop Adverse Action** functionality when mandated documents are submitted by the applicant or participant while a closing for failure to provide documentation/verification is clocking down to evaluate whether sufficient documentation was submitted to stop the closing and process the case. A pause action is automatically posted in WMS by POS and the processor uses the **Stop Adverse Action** activity to complete their review.

This activity includes the **Interview Review** Screen only with the **Verification Widget** enabled. There is a new **Transaction Details** section in **Interview Review** where the Worker is given the opportunity to stop the closing or rejection by clicking the pencil icon.

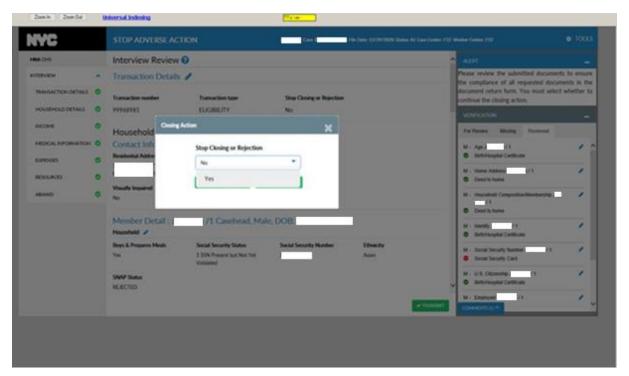
• The Worker can select **Yes** to stop the rejection or closing on the popup dialog box.. SPOS posts the transaction to WMS.



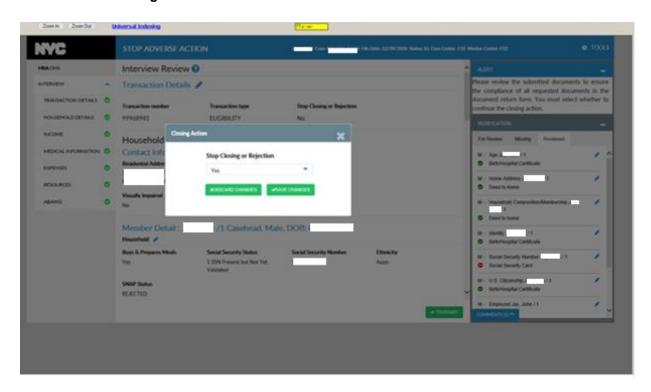


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Select Yes in this dialog box to stop the action.

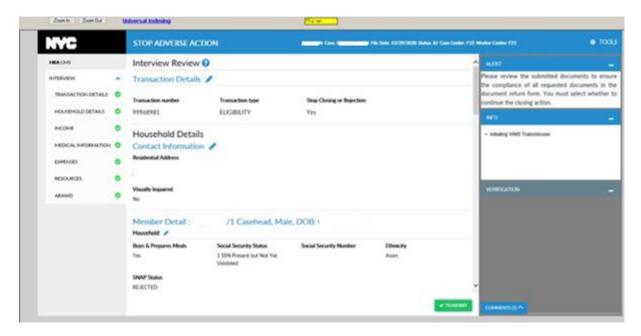


• Press Save Changes.



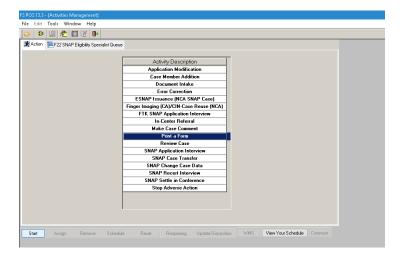
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- Click Save Changes, and the Interview Review screen will display with Yes in the Stop Closing field.
- Click the Transmit button on the bottom right to send this to WMS. The system will display an
 informational alert on the right side panel stating the WMS transmission has been initiated.

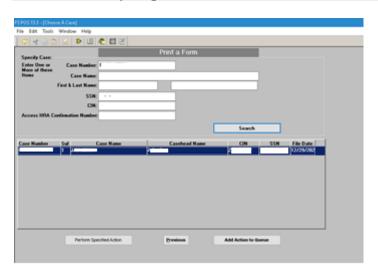


7. Print a Form

- Select Print A Form from the Classic POS Action Menu to begin the Print a Form activity on a case, and click on the Start button.
- Type the desired case number and click the Search button on the Choose a Case window.
- Select the case from the results displayed, then click on the **Perform Specified Action** button, which will launch the **Print a Form** activity in Streamline POS.



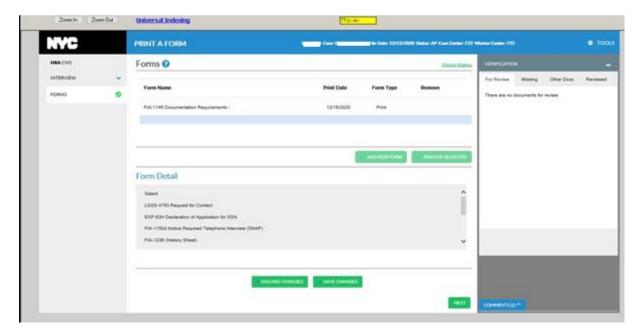
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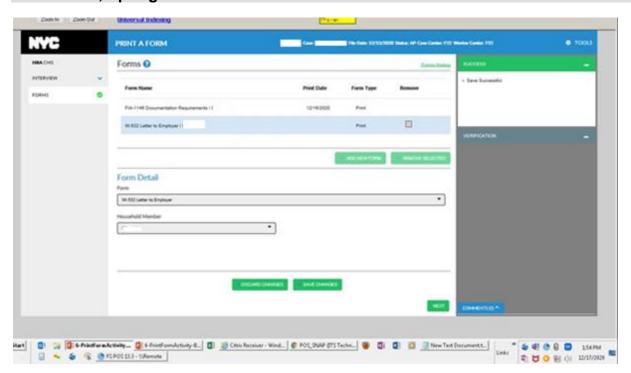
Workers can start the **Print a Form** activity which works without needing to access an application, recertification or change action and can be used whenever needed.

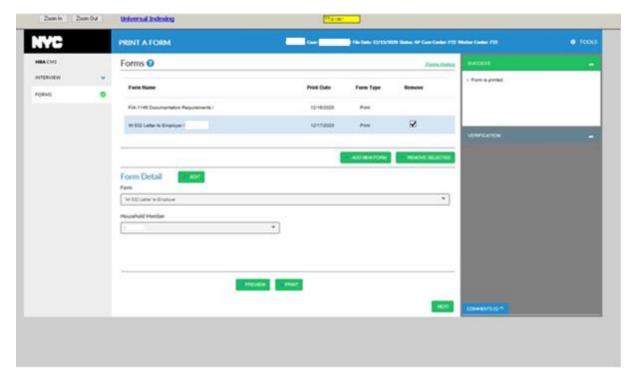
The **Print a Form** action includes the **Interview Review** and **Forms** screens. The **Interview Review** screen includes the **Verification** and **Comment Widget**.

- The Worker can add a form by clicking Add New Form and selecting any of forms available in the dropdown on the Forms screen. Fill out the data entry window if required and click Save Changes.
- Once the form has been added to the top grid, select it and click the **Print** button so it can be printed.



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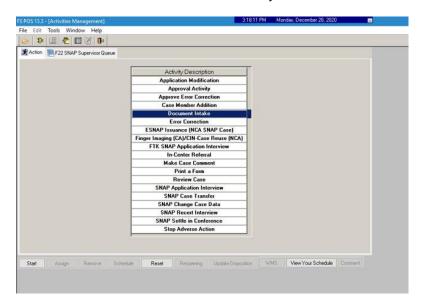


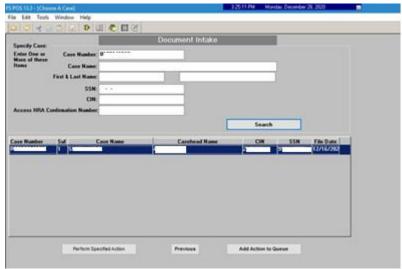


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8. Document Intake

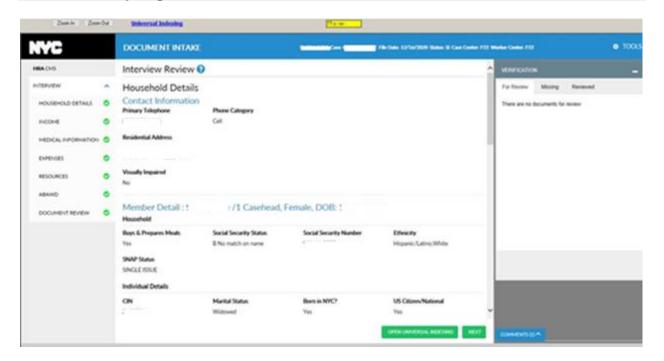
- Select Document Intake from the Classic POS Action Menu and click on the Start button to begin
 a Document Intake activity on a case.
- Type in the desired case number and click the Search button on the Choose a Case window...
- Select the case from the results displayed, then click on the Perform Specified Action button, which will launch the Document Intake activity in Streamline POS.

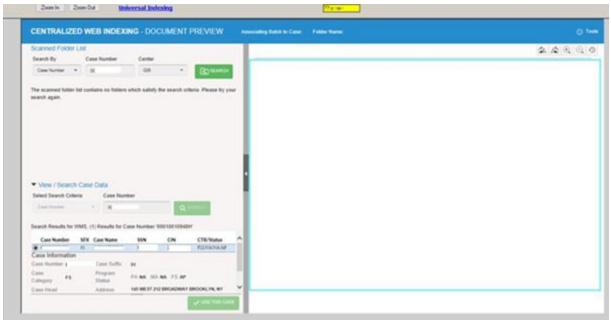




- Click **Perform Specified Action** to launch the **Document Intake** activity in Streamline POS, which allows the Worker to start the **Universal Indexing Tool** to index scanned documents to the case.
- Cick the Open Universal Indexing button on the bottom right.

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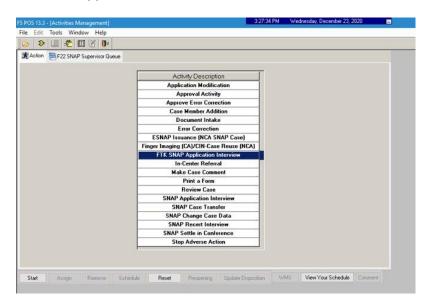


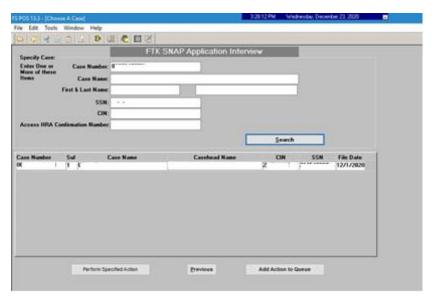


 Click Tools and Exit to return to the Interview Review screen in Streamline POS when finished indexing.

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- Fail to Keep SNAP Application Interview and EC- Fail to Keep SNAP Application Interview Actions
- Select FTK-SNAP Application Interview from the Classic POS Action Menu and click on the Start button to begin a Fail to Keep SNAP Application Interview activity on a case..
- Type the desired case number and click the **Search** button on the **Choose a Case** window..
- Select the case from the results displayed, then click on the Perform Specified Action button, which
 will launch the FTK-SNAP Application Interview activity in Streamline POS. Similarly, the EC-FTK
 SNAP Application Interview action would be started in the same way.

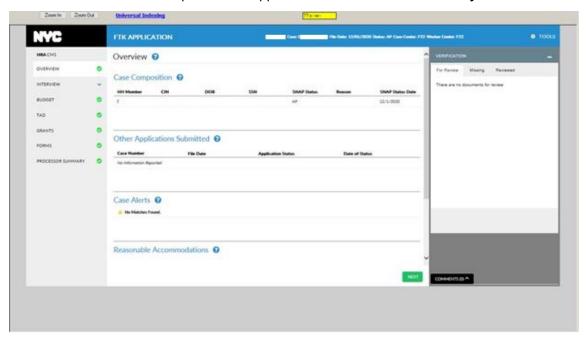




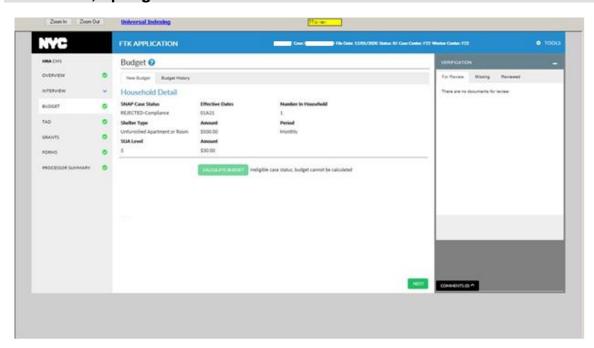
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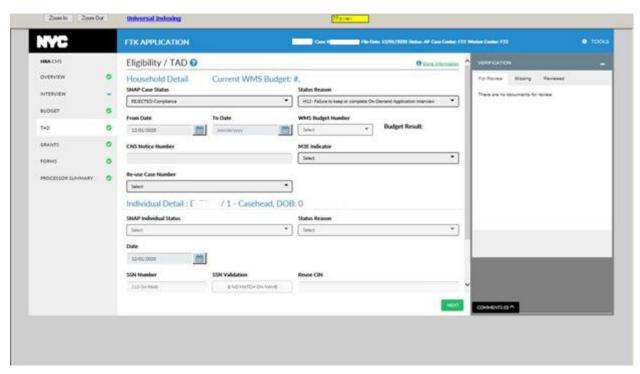
The FTK-SNAP Application Interview and EC-FTK SNAP Application Interview actions now launch in Streamline POS for the processor to process cases that failed the application interview so that the required denial of benefits can be processed. The Turnaround Document (TAD) is set up with a status of rejected and the status reason of H12 (Failure to Keep/Complete Initial Eligibility On-Demand Interview) is used for these activities. Budget and Grant entries are disabled as these activities are only used to reject the case. Fail to Keep and Error Correction Fail to Keep activities are available in the following standard processor flow: Overview, Interview Review, Budget, TAD, Grants, Forms and Processor Summary.

Submit the case to the Supervisor for approval on the Processor Summary...



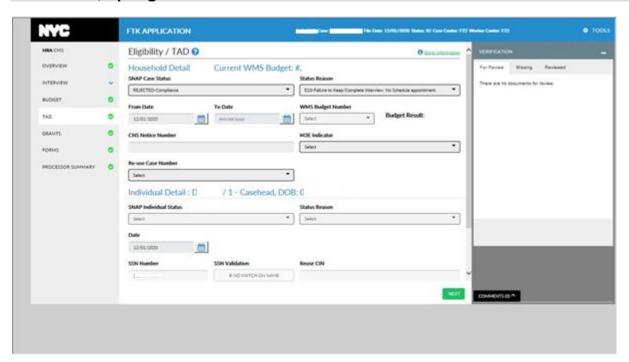
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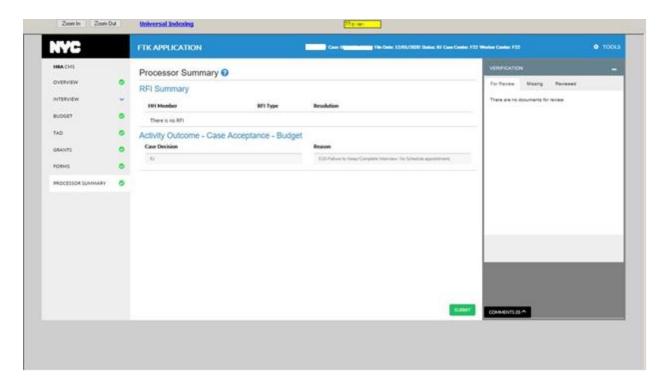




Note: <u>During the Covid-19 emergency</u>, the <u>Rejection Code H12 cannot be used</u>. <u>Please select code E10</u> (<u>Failure to Complete Interview</u>) from the <u>Status Reason dropdown</u>.

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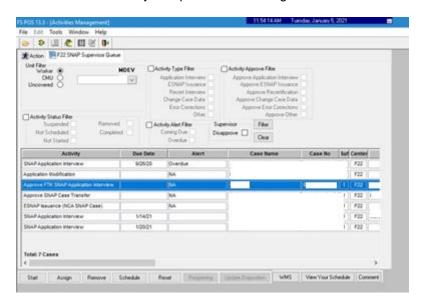


10. Approve Fail to Keep SNAP Application Interview and Approve Error Correction Fail to Keep Interview Actions

To begin an Approve FTK-SNAP Application Interview or Approve EC-FTK SNAP Application Interview activity on a case, a Supervisor would access the action from their queue.

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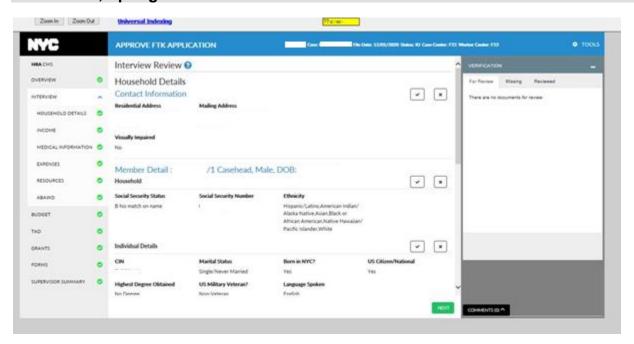
• Click on the activity and press Start to begin.

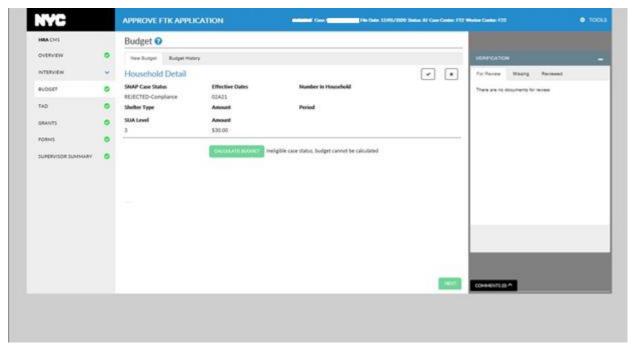


The Approve Fail to Keep SNAP Application Interview and Approve Error Correction Fail to Keep SNAP Application Interview actions are added for the Supervisor to process cases that failed to keep the interview. Approve Fail to Keep and Approve Error Correction Fail to Keep activities are available in the following complete standard approval flow: Overview, Interview Review, Budget, TAD, Grants, Forms and Supervisor Summary.

- Click on the Checkmark icon to approve the section as in other approval actions...
- Click the X icon if disapproving, and a popup window opens where the Supervisor can select one or more disapproval reasons and also enter a comment. Continue to approve/disapprove all the remaining sections on the Interview Review screen.
- Click Next and the Supervisor can return the case to the Worker if the case is being disapproved on the Supervisor Summary.
- The Supervisor can approve the **Fail to Keep** activity by approving all sections on **Interview Review** by clicking **Complete** on the **Supervisor Summary**. The Fail to Keep will be transmitted to WMS.

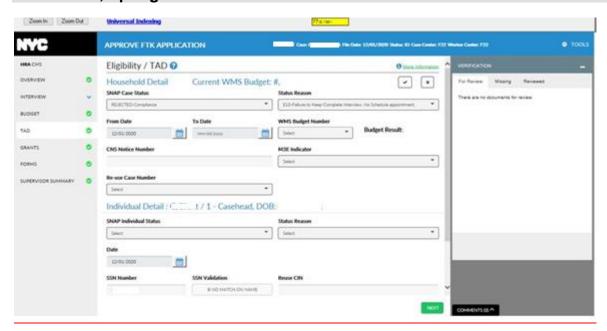
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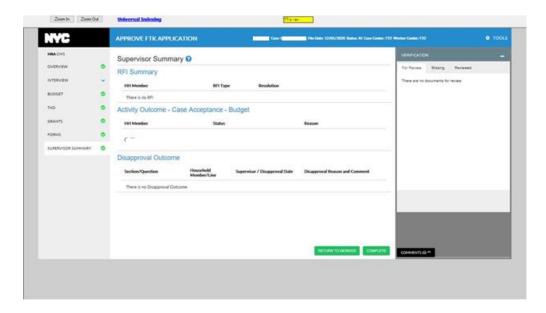




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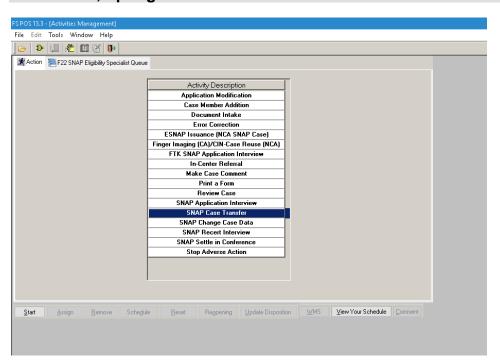


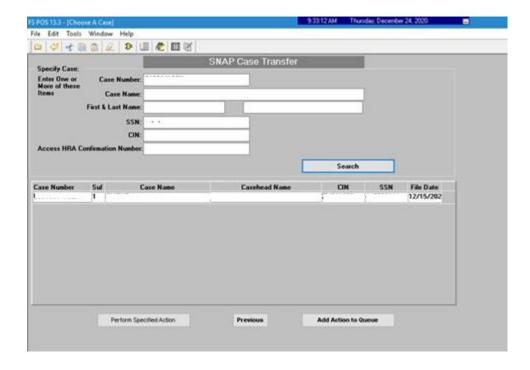


11. SNAP Case Transfer

- Select SNAP Case Transfer from the Classic POS Action Menu and click on the Start button to begin a SNAP Case Transfer activity on an active case... All other actions must be completed on the case in order to access the Case Transfer activity.
- Type the desired case number and click the Search button on the Choose a Case window...
- Select the case from the results displayed, then click on the **Perform Specified Action** button, which will launch the **Case Transfer** activity in Streamline POS.

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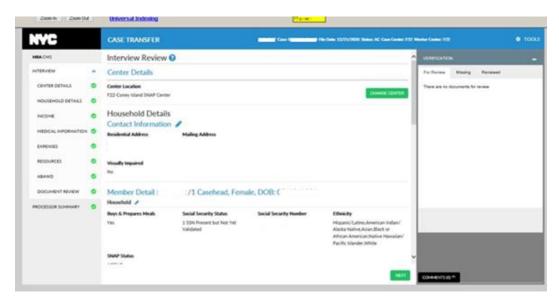




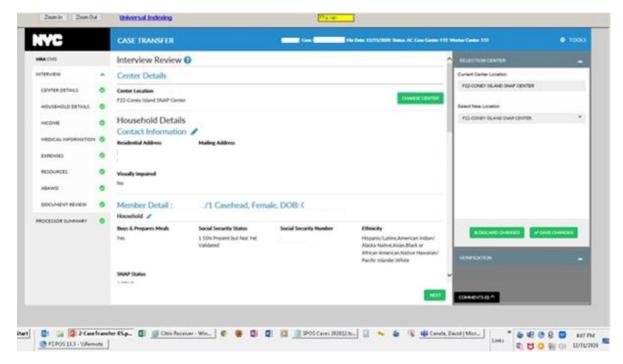
The **SNAP Case Transfer** activity launches in Streamlined POS. There is a new **Center Details** section in the **Interview Review** screen which shows the current center the case belongs to.

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- The Worker selects the desired center to send the case to by clicking the **Change Center** buttonand A side panel **Selection Center** opens.
- The Worker selects **New Center Location** from the dropdown, and clicks **Save Changes** to save the desired center to transfer the case. Workers then submit the case to their Supervisor for approval.



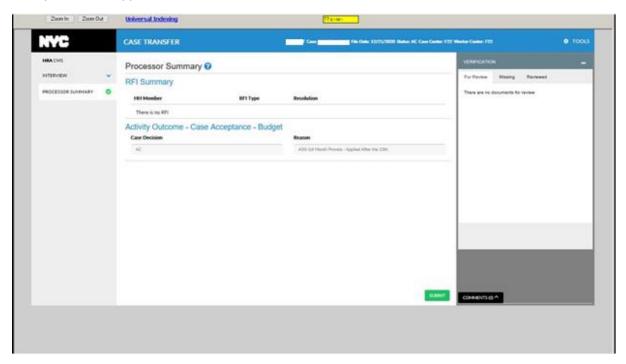
• The Worker clicks the **Change Center** button and the side panel opens where the new center location can be chosen from the **New Center Location** dropdown.



The Worker selects the new center and clicks on Save Changes.

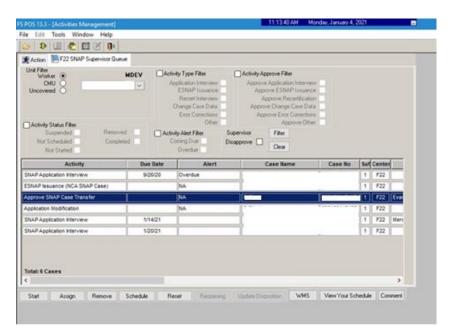
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 Click Next to continue. On the Processor Summary click Submit to send the case transfer to the Supervisor for approval.



12. Approve SNAP Case Transfer

- A Supervisor should access the action from their queue to begin an Approve SNAP Case Transfer activity on a case.
- Click on the activity and press **Start** to begin.



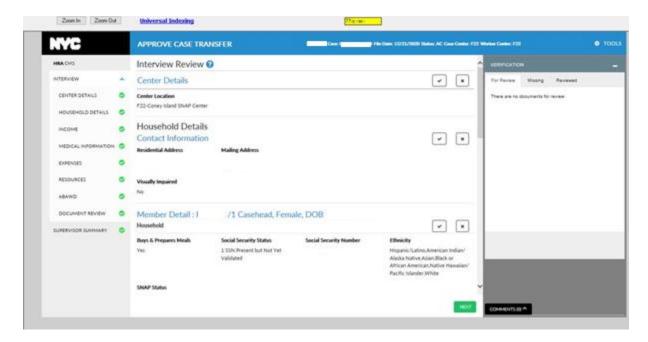
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Approve SNAP Case Transfer activity launches in Streamlined POS. There is a new **Center Details** section in the **Interview Review** screen where the current center and data is displayed. The Supervisor cannot change this information. The Supervisor can approve or disapprove **Center Details** as follows:

- Click the Checkmark icon to approve the Center Details section.
- Click the **X icon** to disapprove, and a **Disapprove Center Details** popup window opens where the Supervisor can select one or more reasons and also enter a comment.
- Continue to approve/disapprove all the remaining sections on the Interview Review screen.
- Click Next to return the case to the Worker if the case transfer is being disapproved on the Supervisor Summary.
- Click Complete on the Supervisor Summary to approve the transfer of a participant's case by approving all sections on Interview Review.

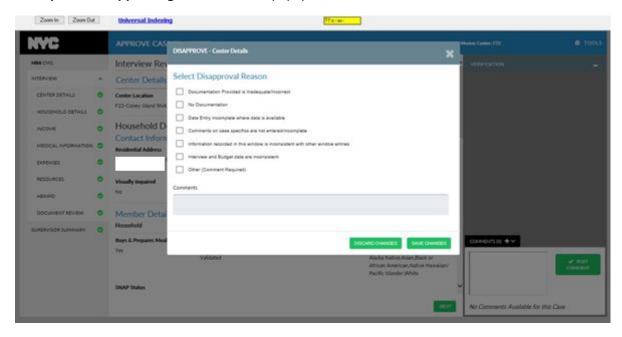
The change in center will be transmitted to WMS.

Example of Interview Review screen with new Center Details section.

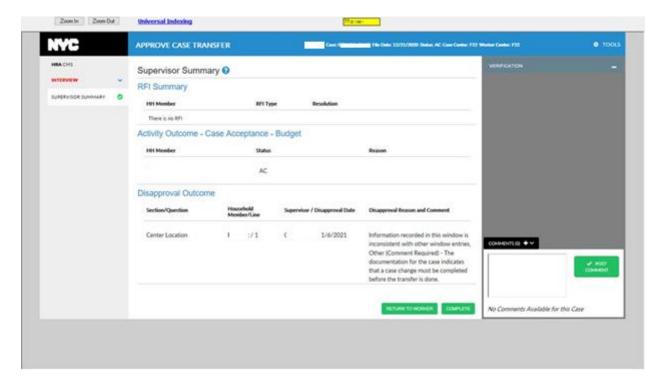


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Example of Disapproving Center Details popup.



Example of Supervisor Summary showing disapproval, therefore the case needs to be returned to the Worker.



If the case transfer is approved, and **Complete** has been clicked, the system initiates transmission to WMS of the change in center.

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Streamlined POS Release Notes

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These Release Notes contain descriptions of changes and fixes in the Streamlined Paperless Office System (SPOS) release 4.1 for Monday, March 29, 2021. These and prior Release Notes also be found on the HRA Intranet at http://intranetnew.hra.nycnet/sites/HRAIntranet/Pages/POSReleaseNotes.aspx

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1. Overview of Changes

The Streamlined POS (SPOS) project aims to modernize and improve the interview, change actions and processing for the users of the Paperless Office System (POS) in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) area of FIA (Family Independence Administration), including interviewers, processors, supervisors, and reviewers.

The following changes were introduced in Release 4.1:

- Overview screen updates.
- There are increased capabilities on the Verification Widget, additions to the Tools menu, displaying the Client Identification Number (CIN) Clearance/CIN Re-Use window.
- The Interview Review screen has been updated to include help text for all the sections, the ability to display warnings/error messages, addition of more data fields on the Interview Review screen.
- The Budget screen has been updated to have help text, the summation of multiple incomes of
 the same income source types into one row in the budget, additional warning for adding new
 members to the household. The Calculate Budget function has been improved to a new
 technology platform so that the black Welfare Management System (WMS) screens no longer
 appear.
- The Turnaround Document (TAD) screen updates include additional warning messages and additional business rules for use of M73 (<u>Continue Employment Requirement Sanction [HH = 1]</u>) and M74 (<u>Continue Employment Requirement Sanction [HH > 1]</u>) and valid closing/rejection codes.
- The Grants screen has been updated with Help text and business rules to prevent entry of duplicate grants and a check whether backup grants are needed.
- The Forms screen has been updated with Help text and additional forms such as the Notice of Special Cash Assistance and/or Food Stamp Benefit (EBT-23), Action Taken On Your Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Benefits Case (NYC) (LDSS-3152), Request For Contact/Missed Interview (LDSS-4753), Notification of Application Withdrawal Cash Assistance, Food Stamps and Medical Assistance (M-3mm), and the History Sheet (FIA-1236).
- The **Processor Summary** has been updated to include help text, additional completion edits and the capability for Workers to submit the case to the Supervisor in SPOS.
- The Supervisor Summary has been updated to include help text, and the capability for Supervisors to transmit cases to Welfare Management System (WMS) or return the case to worker, in SPOS.
- Business rules and case attributes have been developed so that the Selective Case Review
 process is enabled in Streamlined POS.
- In Streamlined POS 4.1 technology updates in the application enables moving away from dependence on legacy Citrix/PowerBuilder technology and moving towards a web-based application.

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2. Overview Screen changes

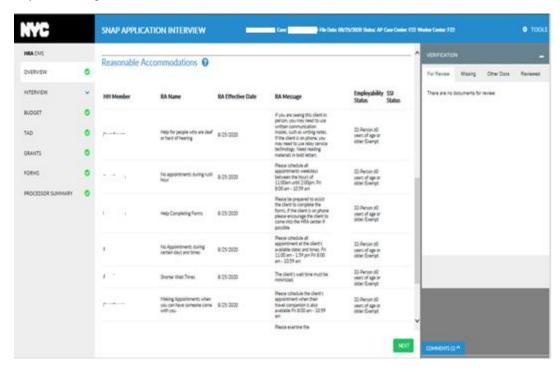
The **Overview** screen was updated for Processors and Supervisors to add the **Verification Widget**, add the **Comments Widget**, remove duplicate information and add **Reasonable Accommodation**.

Reasonable Accommodations: All required **Reasonable Accommodation** fields displayed on the **Overview** screen to comply with lawsuit requirements. If there are no reasonable accommodations, it will not be listed. The **Client Services** screen has been removed from Streamline POS.

Following fields display on the Overview Screen:

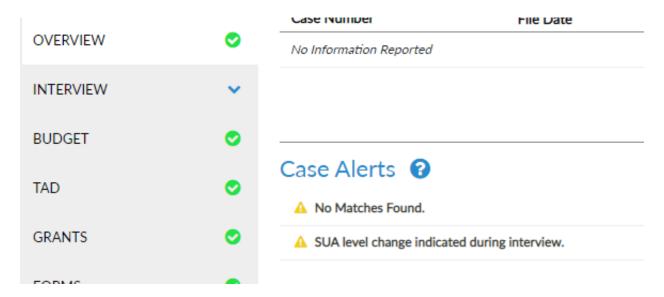
- HH Member
- RA Name
- RA Effective Date
- RA Message
- Employability Status
- SSI Status

The **Overview** screen has been adjusted so that right-side panel is available to display comments and any other widgets.



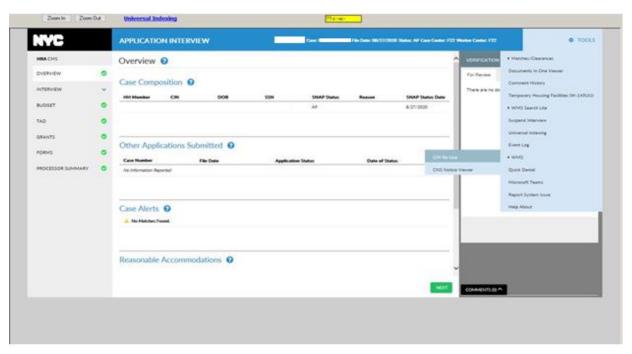
A new case alert was added on the **Overview** screen when the Standard Utility Allowance (SUA) level changed on a case.

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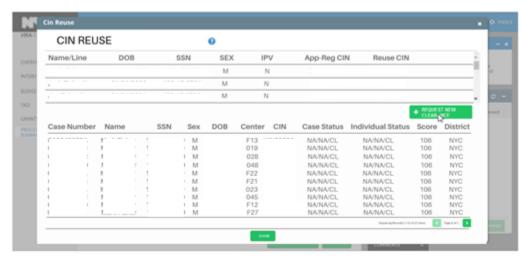
3. Display Internal Clearance and CIN Reuse data

The **CIN Reuse** window has been added for Processors to request a new clearance if the internal clearance failed in WMS. For processors, a new option is available under **Tools** > **WMS** > **CIN Re-Use**



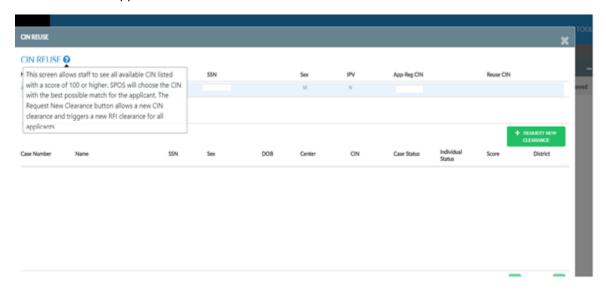
The Worker can see the **Internal Clearance/CIN Reuse** for each individual household member that appears in WMS in Applying (AP) status for SNAP. The Worker can also verify the system selection for the individual CIN or request a new clearance if the internal clearance failed in WMS.

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 The Worker must click the blue Question Mark icon to see the Help text at the top of the CIN Reuse window to get assistance in using the screen.

Help text displays as follows: "This screen allows staff to see all available CIN's listed with a score of 100 or higher. SPOS will choose the CIN with the best possible match for the applicant. The **Request New Clearance** button allows a new CIN clearance and triggers a new Resource File Integration (RFI) clearance for all applicants."



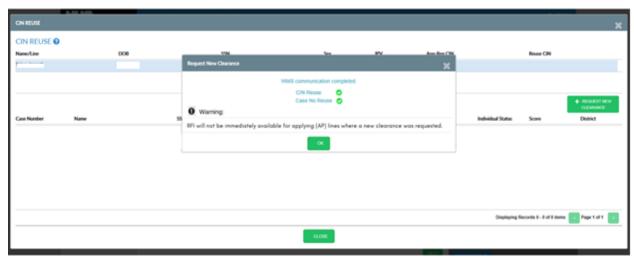
The Worker can see the alert stating a new RFI clearance was initiated after requesting a new CIN/Internal clearance for AP household members on a SNAP case to remind the Worker that the RFI will not be immediately available for those lines.

 Click the Request New Clearance button on the Internal/CIN Clearance screen to view the Reminder.

The text of the warning message is as follows: "RFI will not be immediately available for AP lines where a new clearance was requested".

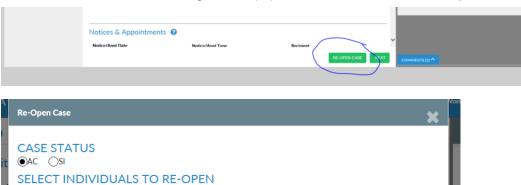
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4. Overview: Ability to Re-Open Closed Cases

- The Worker can click the Re-Open Case button in the Overview Screen to view individual level indicators for cases that are in Closed (CL) status in WMS. This opens the Re-Open Case pop-up window.
- The Worker clicks **AC** or Single Issue (SI) to select the individuals to re-open.

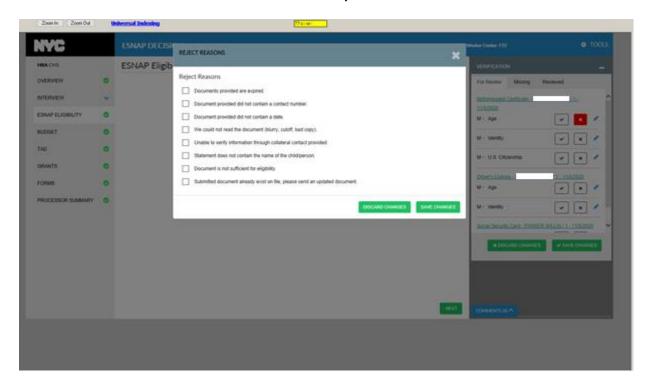


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5. Verification Widget Updates

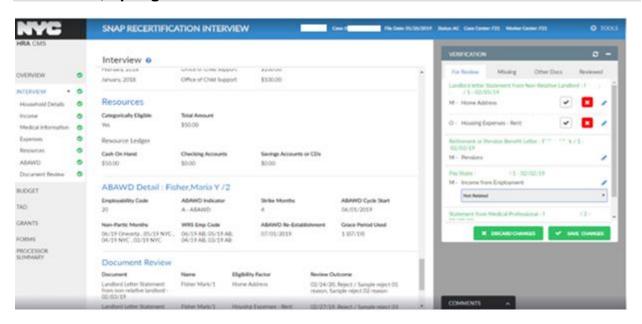
In SPOS 4, a new pop-up window with the reasons for the rejection of a document appear.

• The Worker must select one or more reasons for rejection.



The Worker can see the selections made in the documents in the **For Review** tab of the **Verification Widget** in a new section of the **Interview Review** screen named '**Document Review**'. The new **Document Review** section includes: **Document, Name, Eligibility Factor** and **Outcome**.

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The Worker can see recent application and recertification forms in the **Other Docs** tab of the **Verification** widget. The **Other Docs** tab is now hidden if there are no packets/other docs to be viewed.

6. Tools Menu: Addition of Quick Denial Function

The Worker has the ability to close or reject a case through a **Quick Denial** option in the **Tools** menu in order to quickly process a case that is fully ineligible prior to the complete full interview or processing action. **Quick Denial** opens a new modal window where the Worker can select an appropriate reason code to trigger a quick closing or rejection in the following actions for the processor roles: **SNAP Application Interview** and **SNAP Recertification Interview** when the case is in AP, SI, or Active (AC) status in WMS.

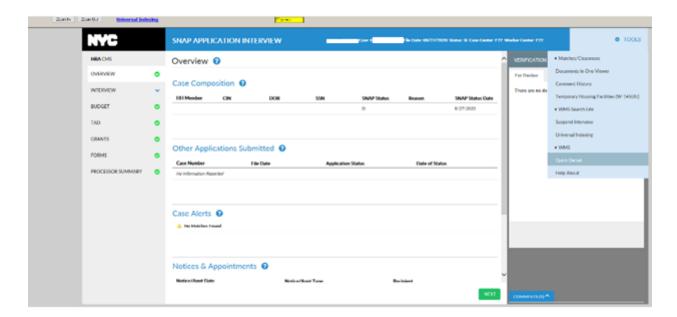
The **Quick Denial** function is available for Interviewers as well in the **SNAP Application Interview** and **SNAP Recertification Interview** when the case is in AP, SI, or AC status in WMS. If the case is in AP status in WMS, rejection reasons appear in the dropdown list. If the case is in SI or AC status in WMS, closing reasons appear in the dropdown list.

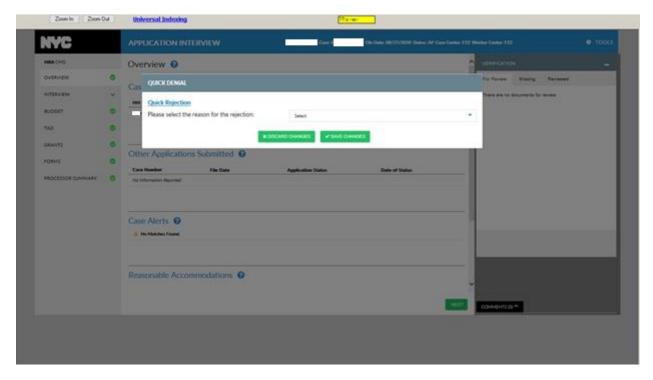
When the option M66 (Receiving SNAP in Another Case) or M67 (Part of Another Application) is selected in the **Denial Reason** field, an additional required question below the **Denial Reason** field appears with a drop-down menu with options of **Yes** and **No**: "Does this client have a health and safety reason for a new application or does this client need to establish their own household?"

- If the Worker selects **Yes**, a message: "**Ineligible for quick denial**" appears. The household must be interviewed and a full determination must be made. Click **Save Changes** to exit the window.
- If the Worker selects No and is within the Interviewer role, skip to the TAD screen, enable the full
 navigation bar and mark the appointment status (application for the SNAP Application Interview and
 recertification for the SNAP Recertification Interview) as retained. This will allow the Worker to
 complete the processing of the case.
- If the Worker selects No and is within the processor role, skip to the TAD screen.

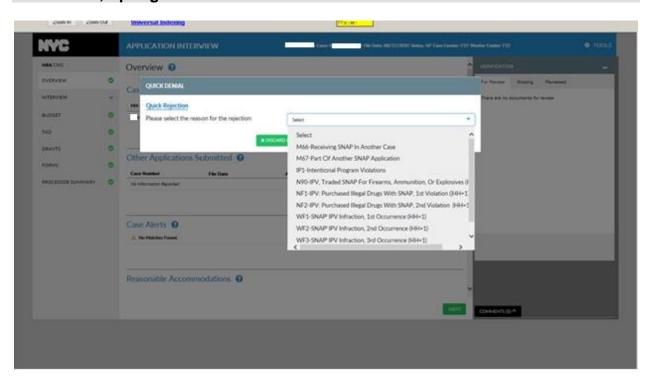
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- When the option Ineligible Alien [HH=1]) (F92) is selected, the Worker clicks the Save Changes
 button and if there are any citizens on the case in AP, SI or AC status for SNAP or there are eligible
 non-citizens on the case in AP, SI or AC status for SNAP, the following error message is displayed:
 "Invalid selection Case contains eligible citizens or non-citizens."
- When F92 is selected, the Worker clicks the Save Changes button and the Immigration section in SPOS is incomplete, the following error message is displayed: "Invalid selection – Immigration section must be completed."





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7. Tools Menu: Additional Options

The **Tools** menu in Streamlined POS is updated to add the following links under Matches/Clearances:

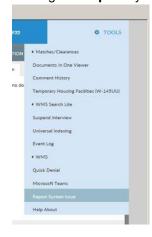
- Disability Policy
- FIA Web Pages
- Kelley Blue Book
- · NYC Department of Buildings
- POS Help on Intranet
- HRA eDocs link
- Special Assessment Policy



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The Worker can access additional web pages in the **Tools** menu that will help access communication tools and to report any system issues. Two new links have been added: **Microsoft Teams** and **Report System Issue**.

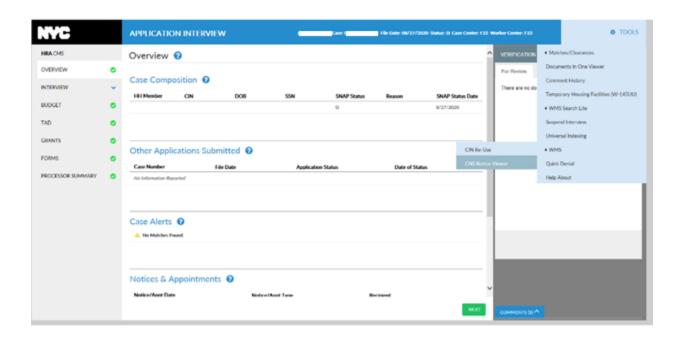
- Clicking the Microsoft Teams link on the Tools menu will open up a Microsoft Teams page.
- Clicking the Report system issue will open the Self-Service Incident Form.



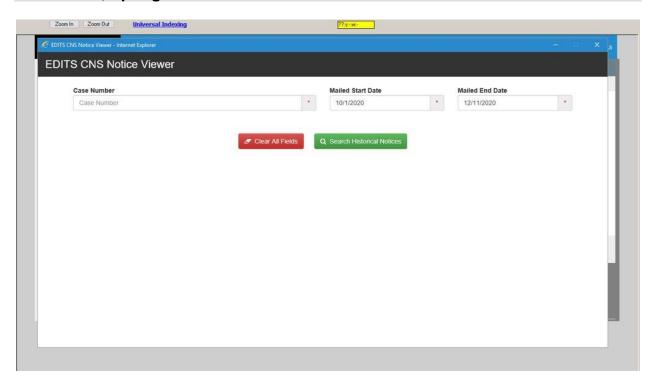
8. Client Notice System (CNS) Notice Viewer

The Worker or Supervisor can access the **CNS Notice Viewer** to review State-generated notices without needing to access a separate website outside of the Human Resources Administration (HRA) network. The web-based **CNS Notice Viewer** is available for selection under the **Tools > WMS** menu in SPOS.

The Worker or Supervisor must type in the case number to retrieve and view the notice.



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9. Suspend Update: Suspend Reasons Dialog Box

A **Suspend Reasons** dialog box has been added to SPOS when the Worker or Supervisor suspends a case. The Worker or Supervisor will be able to select from a list of reasons when suspending a case to document the reason for suspending a case. The dialog box has the following text and options: "Will you continue processing of this action within the next 2 hours? [Yes or No]."

If the Worker or Supervisor indicates that they intend to continue processing the action in the next two hours, the **Hold Reasons list** will be displayed. The **Hold Reasons** are listed below - only one reason can be selected:

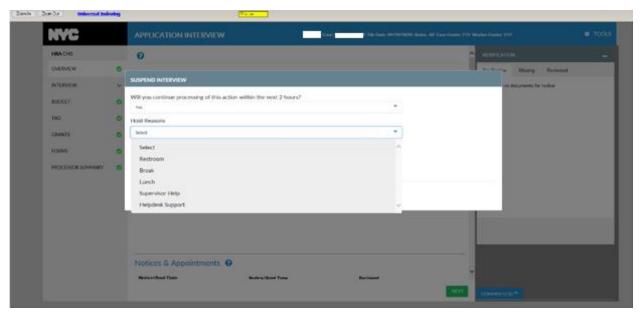
- Restroom
- Break
- Lunch
- Supervisor Help
- Helpdesk Support

If the Worker or Supervisor indicates that they do not intend to continue processing the action within two hours, then display the return reasons. The return reasons are listed below - only one reason can be selected:

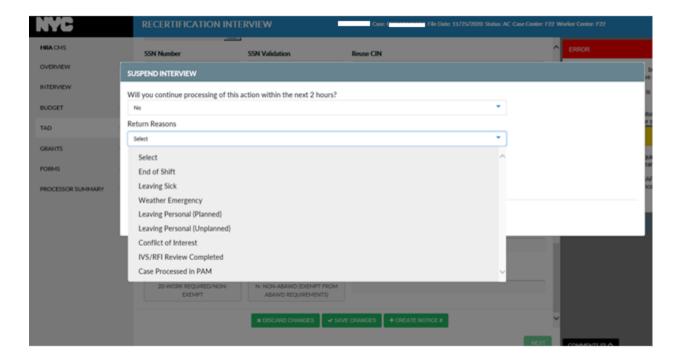
- End of Shift
- Leaving Sick
- Weather Emergency
- Leaving Personal (Planned)
- Leaving Personal (Unplanned)
- Conflict of Interest
- IVS/RFI Review Completed (this reason is conditional)
- Case Processed in PAM

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Hold Reasons



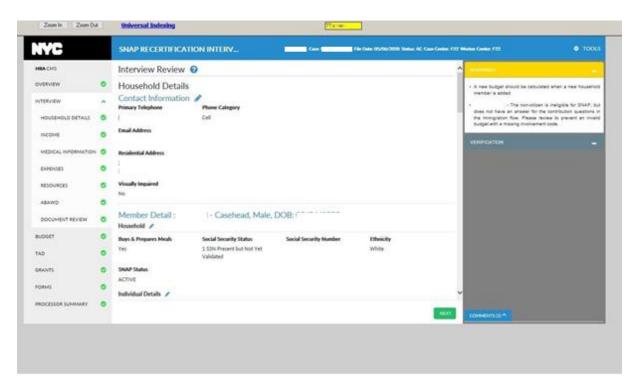
Return Reasons



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10. Interview Review: Warning Messages

The Worker or Supervisor can see the warning messages on the **Interview Review** screen in the processing and approval activities and the Worker or Supervisor can directly take action without needing to navigate backwards.



11. Interview Review: Help Text

• The Processor must click the Help icon on the top of the Interview Review screen to see the help text to get assistance in using the screen. Help text displays as follows: "The Interview Review screen allows you to review all eligibility information for the case. Using the Verification Widget, you can compare the documents and other verification with the eligibility information for the case. Use the pencil icons to return to the interview screens to update any eligibility information."



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12. Interview Review: Help Text for each Section

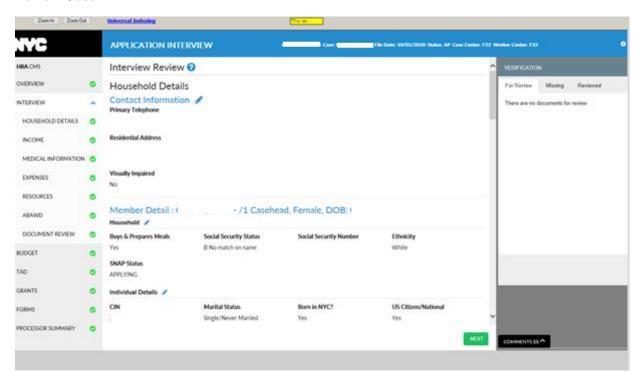
The Worker or Supervisor will be able to see the Help Text for each section within the Interview
 Review screen by clicking on the blue Question Mark icon. Help text is displayed as tooltip per table
 below

Section	Help Text
Alerts	This section looks for certain matches like Intentional Program Violations (IPV's), non-custodial child support arrears, downstate clearance matches and allows staff to enter client-reported alerts like special assessment, fleeing felon, or Human Trafficking status.
Income	This section asks for all types of earned and unearned income. Wage and Unemployment Income Benefit (UIB) matches from RFI, Information Verification Service (IVS) income match, and Social Security Income (SSI) benefit matches from SDX are displayed in this section.
Medical	This section asks for information regarding temporary or long-term disability for anyone in the household.
Housing Expenses	This section will ask for rent or mortgage amounts, details of client's utility types and utility bills, including air conditioning. This section will also display any New York City Housing Authority/New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development (NYCHA/HPD) Section 8 matches found in IVS. Additionally, it will show the SUA level after all information is saved.
Other Expenses	This section is for expenses like tuition, child support, dependent care, medical expenses, and other potential deductible expenses. This section will also display child support expense matches from IVS.
Resources	This section will show any RFI bank matches as well as a client's Categorical Eligibility. Staff have the ability to add resources for Non-Categorically Eligible households.
ABAWD	This section looks for any identified Able-Bodied Adult Without Dependents (ABAWD) in the household. If a person has any ABAWD strikes, the worker has a chance to reestablish eligibility and/or update strikes.

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13. Interview Review: Addition of Line Number for Individual Member Details

The Worker or Supervisor will be able to see the line number for the individual in the **Individual Member Details** on **Interview Review** screen. The WMS line number is displayed after the individual's name in the **Member Detail header** in the **Household Details** section of the **Interview Review** screen. This is included in all processor and approval activities that includes the **Interview Review** screen, including **Review Case**.



14. Interview Review: New Warning in SNAP Change Case Data for F15 cases

When a Worker is processing a case in the **F15** Center in WMS while accessing the **SNAP Change Case Data** activity, the LDSS-4836 NYSNIP FS Benefits Interim Report (NYC) (**LDSS-4836**) form in the case record in the past 90 days, the system displays the following warning on the Interview Review screen: "This case action may be an Interim Report. Please review the submitted change report LDSS-4836."



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15. Interview Review: Childcare Provider Details are Shown

On the Childcare Provider Income Details on the **Interview Review** screen, the processor can view details of the care provided, days worked and gross per week for the childcare provider income to evaluate detailed entries made by the interviewer or another processor.

Income Detail : Match	/2 - Employ	ved Childcare Provider - ACC	IS
Type of Work	Childcare Details	Employment Start Date	Pay Frequency
Childcare Provider	YY, XX	08/01/2020	Weekly
Hours Per Frequency	Period 1 Pay	Period 2 Pay	Period 3 Pay
26	\$ 93.42	\$ 93.42	\$ 93.42
Period 4 Pay	Monthly Net Income	Client Dispute	Dispute Outcome
\$ 93.42	\$ 60.92	Currently not providing care for any children	Document Satisfies Dispute
Number of Children: 2			
Child Full Name	Care Provided In	Days Worked Week 1-4	Gross Pay/Service Week 1-4
	Outside Home	5, 5,4,4	\$100, \$100, \$80, \$80
	At Home	6, 7,6,7	\$120, \$140, \$120, \$140

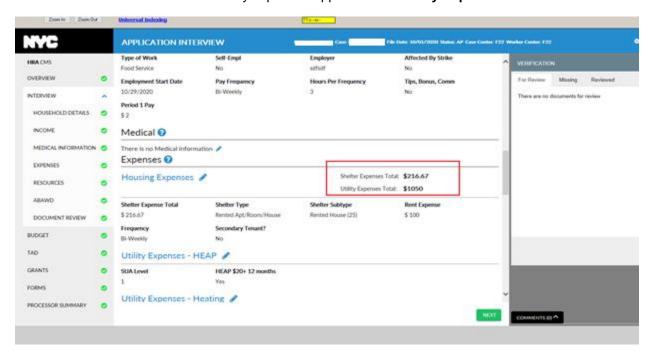
16. Interview Review: Add Error actions to SNAP SIC for authorized Supervisors

Error actions to the **SNAP Settle In Conference** (SIC) activity for Supervisors who can cancel an action where the error cannot be fixed. SPOS transmits the cancellation of the Error action to WMS when selected. Supervisors or managers will be able to select an Error transaction for cancellation where the error cannot be fixed in the **Transaction Details** section on the **Interview Review** screen for the **SNAP SIC activity.**

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17. Interview Review: Housing Expenses Update

A new field named **Shelter Expenses Total** appears on the Housing Expense Title Bar, and a new field named **Utility Expenses Total** appears on a separate row within the **Housing Expenses** section of the **Interview Review** screen. The calculated total of Housing expenses is displayed in the **Shelter Expense Total** field. The calculated total of Utility expenses appears in the **Utility Expense Total** field.



18. Interview Review: Warning for adding new case member

A warning message appears on the **Interview Review** screen for activities on active cases (**Recertification**, **Change Case Data**, **Supervisor Return Activities**, **Error Correction Activities**) whenever a new member is added to the case, to remind the Worker that a new budget needs to be calculated. This helps prevent WMS errors.



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19. Budget: Improvement for Summing Incomes of the Same Type into A Single Income Source Code

SPOS will add Income Source codes of the same type as listed below. The Workers don't have to combine income in the interview for individuals with multiple jobs and unearned income types of the same type:

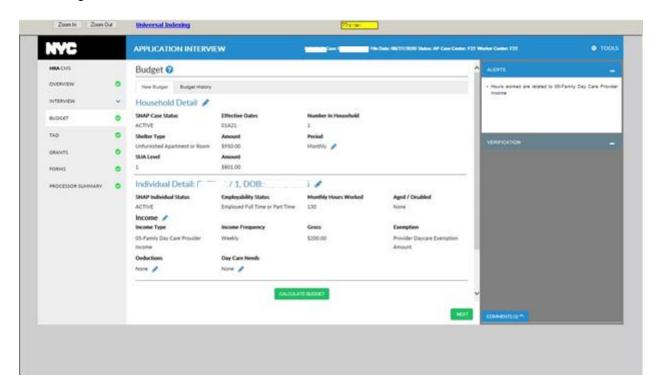
Income Source code list:

- 01 Salary, Wages
- 05 Family Day Care Provider Income
- **06** Net Business Income/Self- Employment Income
- 08 Net Income from Rental of House, Store or Other Property; Worked More than 20 hours Per Week
- 09 Net Income from Rental of House, Store or Other Property; Worked Less than 20 hours Per Week
- 11 Income from Boarder, Boarder/Lodger
- 12 Net Income from Lodger
- 13 Adoption Subsidy
- 14 Court Ordered Alimony, Spousal Support, Child Support Payment
- 15 Dividends, Interest or Periodic Receipts from Stocks, Bonds, Mortgages, Bank Accounts,
- Trust Funds, Annuities, Credit Unions, Estates, etc.
- 16 Black Lung Disease Program
- 17 Educational Grants and Loans
- 18 Disabled Veteran's Benefits (Service Connected)
- 19 Disabled Veteran's Benefits (Non-Service Connected)
- 21 NYS Disability Insurance
- 22 Railroad Retirement Benefit
- 23 Railroad Retirement Benefit Dependent
- 24 Pensions, Retirement Benefit
- 25 Severance Pay
- 26 Sick Pay (Individual Provided Insurance)
- 27 Social Security Disability Benefit
- 28 Social Security Survivors Benefit
- 29 Social Security Retirement Benefit
- 30 Social Security Dependent Benefit
- 31 SSI Benefit
- 32 Union Benefits
- 33 Workers Compensation
- 36 Unemployment Insurance Benefits
- 55 Veteran's Benefits or Pension
- 98 Other Earned Income
- 99 Other Unearned Income

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20. Budget: Display Income Source Code for Hours Worked

The Processor or Supervisor can view Income Source codes that help populate the **Hours Worked** field in the budget to understand how the **Hours Worked** total was calculated.



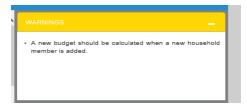
21. Budget: Help Text

• The Worker can view the Help text by clicking the **Help** icon on the top of the **Budget** screen to get assistance in using the screen.

<u>Help text displays as follows:</u> "The Budget screen allows you to review all information for the case that will be used to calculate a potential benefit. Use the pencil icons to return to the interview sections to update any information. Click the Budget History tab to view prior budgets on this case."

22. Budget: Warning for Adding a New Household Member

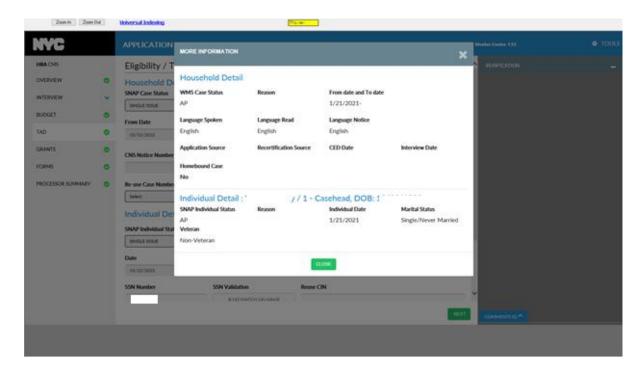
To remind the Worker that a new budget needs to be calculated, a warning message appears on the **Budget** screen for activities on active cases (**Recertification**, **Change Case data**, **Supervisor Return Activities**, **Error Correction Activities**) whenever a new member is added to the case.. This helps prevent WMS errors.



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23. TAD: Addition of Individual Date from WMS in More Information

The Worker will be able to see the **Individual Date** that the latest status was changed in WMS on the **TAD More Information** popup window. This change is made in all activities where the **SPOS TAD** window appears including Worker activities, Supervisor activities and **Review Case**.



24. TAD: ORIA Warning for Rejection/Closing Code F92

The Processor will see a warning message appear as a reminder to follow the policy for case accuracy whenever they use Rejection or Closing Code **F92** at the case or individual level in the TAD screen.

This message will appear in the following SPOS activities:

SNAP Application Interview, EC- SNAP Application Interview, SNAP Recertification Interview, EC-SNAP Recertification Interview, SNAP Change Case Data, EC-SNAP Change Case Data, ESNAP Issuance, EC-ESNAP Issuance.

Message text for processors appear on the TAD when the conditions are met: "You must first contact ORIA for an internal clearance at ORIA@dss.nyc.gov before sending this case for approval. Please email ORIA, copying your supervisor, with the case details (case number, names of noncitizens), and the reason they are ineligible non-citizens."

25. TAD: Help Text

• The Worker can view the Help Text by clicking the **Help icon** on the top of the TAD screen to get assistance in using the screen.

The Help text message displays as follows: "The TAD screen allows you to review all information for the case that will help enter a decision for eligibility. Use the pencil icons to return to the interview sections to update any eligibility information. Click the More Information link to view additional case information."

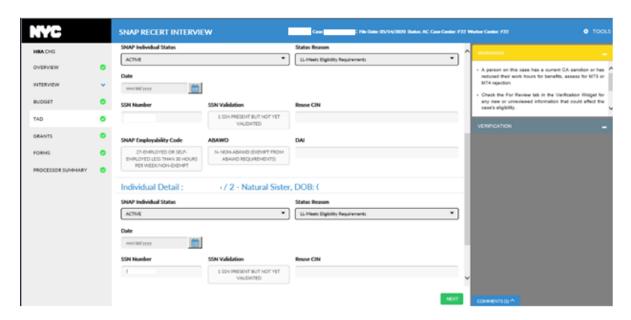
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26. TAD: Business Rules for Reason Codes M73 and M74 Usage

New business rules were added on the TAD for reason codes M73 and M74:

- Use of M73 and M74 Status Reason Codes displays a warning message "A person on this case
 has a current CA sanction or has reduced their work hours for benefits, assess for M73 or M74
 rejection." The TAD screen warns the processor that use of rejection codes M73 and M74 for
 proper sanction rejection should be considered.
- M73 and M74 usage displays a warning on the TAD that tells when individual level rejection codes M73 or M74 should be used for the proper sanction rejection.
 Message text indicates if code M74 is used: "Individual rejection code M73 must be used for household size of 1".

Message text indicates if code M73 is used: "Individual rejection code M74 must be used for household size greater than 1".



27. TAD: CDC Field Prefilled with Value of M

For Processors, the **CBIC CDC** field is prefilled with a value of **M** on the TAD for the Casehead whenever a TAD is transmitted from POS unless an **M** already exists under the following circumstances:

- When applying AP status to SI status.- When applying AP status to AC status.
- When processing a case reopening from closed CL status to AC.

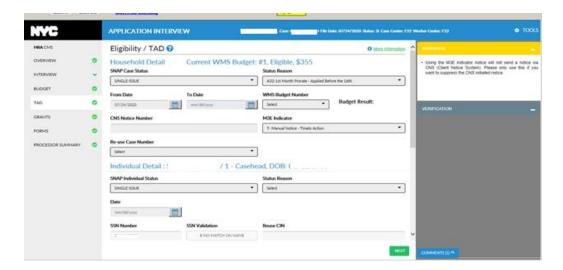
28. TAD: Warning Message When Using M3E Indicator

Staff are alerted when the **M3E** indicator is triggered on the TAD. A warning message is displayed on the TAD alerting the Worker that using the **M3E** indicator **A** (CNS notice suppressed, manual notice required [Adequate action]) or the **M3E** indicator **T** (CNS notice suppressed, manual notice required [Timely action]) when the Case Status Reason and the Individual Status Reason do not begin with **Y**.

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Message Text: "Using the M3E indicator notice will not send a notice via CNS (Client Notice System). Please only use this if you want to suppress the CNS initiated notice."

Note: A Status Reason code beginning with the letter **Y** means that the case doesn't require a CNS notice or a manual notice.



29. TAD: Warning Message When SUA Level is Upgraded

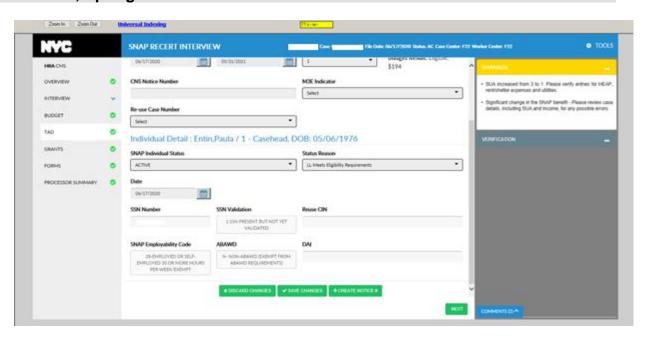
The TAD displays a warning message for the following activities:

- SNAP Application Interview (case is in SI status in WMS and AC status in SPOS).
- Recertification Interview (case is in AC status in WMS and AC status in SPOS).
- Change Case Data (case is AC status in WMS and AC status in SPOS), and their
- Error Correction (EC SNAP Application Interview, EC SNAP Recertification Interview, EC Change case Data).
- Standard Utility Allowance (SUA) Level is UPGRADED from Level 3 to Level 2, from Level 3 to Level 1, and from level 2 to level 1 to indicate a potential error.

Message Text: SUA increased from 3 to 2. Please verify entries for HEAP, rent/shelter expenses, and utilities.

Note: SUA Level is system determined in SPOS in the **Housing Expenses** section.

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30. TAD: Warning Message When SUA Level is Downgraded

A warning message on the TAD displays when SUA level is downgraded for activities:

- SNAP Application Interview (case is in Single Issuance status in WMS and Active status in SPOS).
- Recertification Interview (case is Active status in WMS and Active status in SPOS).
- Change Case Data (case is Active status in WMS and Active status in SPOS).
- Error Correction (EC SNAP Application Interview, EC SNAP Recertification Interview, EC Change case Data) when the SUA Level is Downgraded from Level 2 to Level 3, from Level 1 to Level 2, and from level 1 to level 3 so that the Worker is aware of a potential error.

Message Text: SUA increased from 2 to 3. Please verify entries for HEAP, rent/shelter expenses and utilities.

Note: SUA Level is system determined in SPOS on the Housing Expenses section.

31. TAD: Valid Closing or Rejection Codes During COVID-19

The following error message is displayed when an entry is selected in the **Status Reason** drop-down during COVID-19 for the **SNAP Change Case Data** activity, and an invalid closing or rejection code is selected:

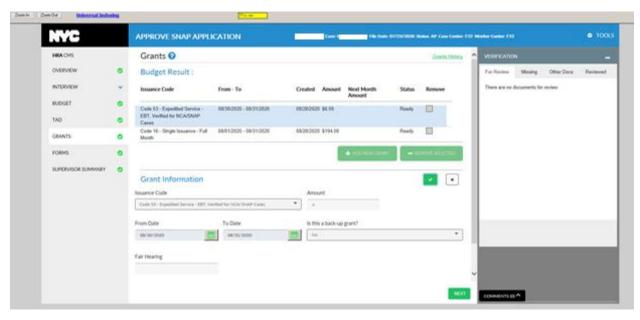
<u>Display Error Message</u>" The selected code is invalid. Please use a valid code from the drop-down menu." The message appears on the TAD when the Worker selects an invalid Status Reason code during the COVID-19 period, so that an applicant/participant's case closing or rejection will be valid during this period.

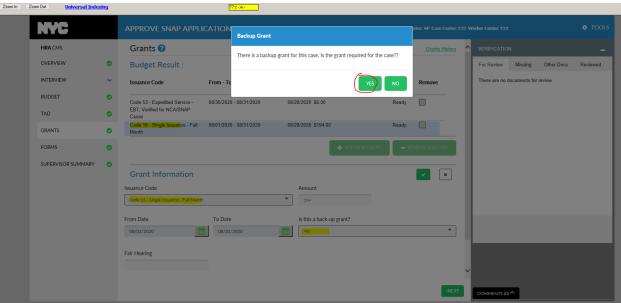
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32. Grants: Backup Grant for Supervisory Approval

Supervisors will be able to indicate whether a backup grant should be transmitted to WMS when needed by an applicant/participant. Supervisors must decide whether the backup grant should be transmitted. Supervisors receive a dialog box with **Yes** and **No** buttons with the following prompt: "There is a backup grant for this case. Is the grant required for the case?"

- If the Supervisor clicks Yes, the value of the Backup Grant field must be updated to No so that the
 grant will be transmitted to WMS.
- If the Supervisor clicks **No**, the grant must be deleted so that it will not be transmitted to WMS.





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33. Grants: Help Text

The Worker can view the Help Text by clicking the **Help** icon at the top of the **Grants** screen for assistance in using the screen.

<u>Help Text displays as follows:</u> "The Grants screen allows you to review all grants already issued as well as the ability to enter new grants for a case. Use the Add New button to generate a new grant. Click Grant History to view all grants issued for the head of household."

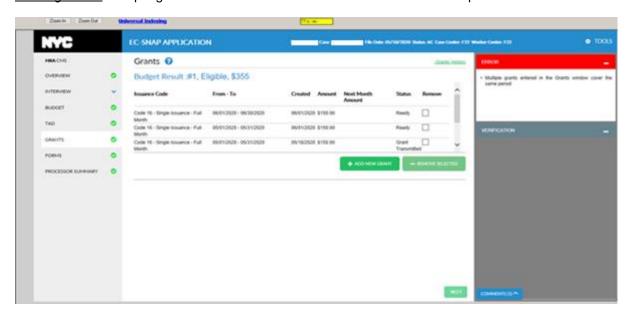
34. Grants: Prevent Duplicate Grants

An error message displays on the **Grants** screen that prevents the Worker from duplicate entry of SPOS Grants for activities:

- SNAP Application Interview
- Recertification Interview
- Change Case Data
- Error Corrections

The error message appears so that the Processor/Worker won't receive an error when grants are transmitted to WMS.

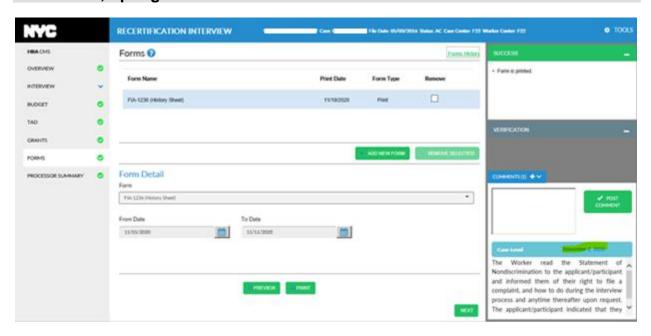
Message Text: Multiple grants entered in the Grants window cover the same period.



35. Forms: Add Print Case Comment functionality, Forms FIA-1236

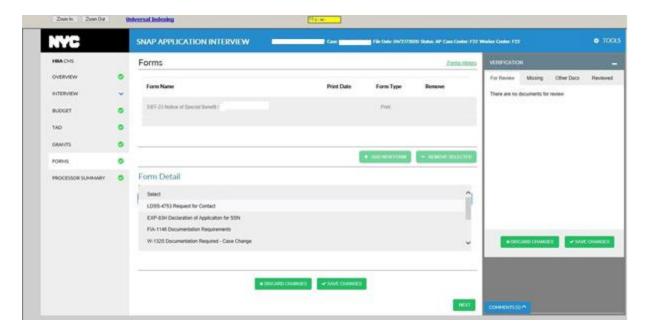
- The Processor will be able to print Case Comments from SPOS activities, using the FIA-1236 form from the Forms screen.
- The Worker can enter the desired date range for comments to be displayed on the form by entering the **From Date** and **To Date** on the **Form** detail. The processor can preview the form that will be generated. The form is printed, but not saved in the HRA One Viewer.

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36. Forms: Additional Forms are added

The LDSS-4753 form, and the M-3mm form have been added to the Forms window. The LDSS-3152 and the EBT-23 have been moved from the Notice Selection window of Classic POS to the Forms window in SPOS. These forms can be generated by role within SPOS.



Note: The **EBT-23** form is generated only after **Grants** data entry is completed on the **Grants** Screen. The **EBT-23** form is a Print to Mail (PTM) only Form and is used to notify an applicant/participant about their benefits. This form is for Head of Household Only.

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37. Forms: Help Text

The Worker can view the Help Text by clicking the **Help** icon on the top of the **Interview Review** screen to get assistance in using the screen.

<u>Help text displays as follows:</u> "The Forms screen allows you to review all forms already issued for the case as well as the ability to generate new forms for a case. Use the Add New button to generate a new form. Click the Preview button to view any form that will be printed, or mailed, to confirm the data. Click Forms History to view forms generated for the case."

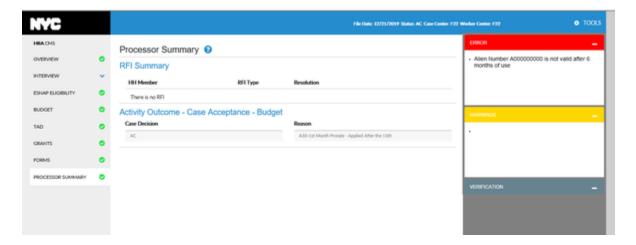
38. Forms: Business rule for LDSS-3152 Notice

The LDSS-3152 form is only available when the Worker is in the Application Interview or the Error Correction section of Application Interview, and they select a value in the M3E indicator with a reason code that is not Y45 (Other [Manual Notice Required]), Y94 (Client Request To Withdraw Application - PA Only) or Y99 (Other – Manual Notice Required).

39. Processor Summary: Completion Edit – Prevent Use of Alien Number A00000000 beyond Six Months

A completion edit is introduced that prevents use of the Alien Number **A00000000** beyond 6 months. The following error displays on the TAD: "Alien Number A000000000 is not valid after 6 months of use."

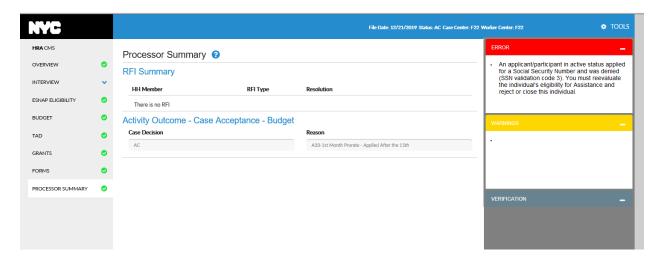
- The edit runs in the SNAP Recertification Interview and EC SNAP Recertification Interview actions when the Worker clicks the Submit button on the Processor Summary screen.
- The edit runs in the Approve SNAP Recertification Interview and Approve EC SNAP Recertification Interview actions when the Supervisor clicks the Complete button on the Supervisor Summary screen.



40. Processor Summary: Completion Edit – SSN Validation codes

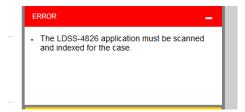
To reduce the WMS error rate for the Worker, there are edits that prevent errors for Social Security Number (SSN) Validation codes. If there are problems with the SSN validation code being used, a red error message will display on the **Processor Summary**, as in the screen listed on the next page.

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41. Processor Summary: Completion Edit – Check for the SNAP Application Form

A completion edit checks for the application form and alerts the Worker that a case cannot be completed without the required forms in the case record. The following error message appears: "The LDSS-4826 application must be scanned and indexed for the case".



42. Processor Summary: Completion Edit – Warning for Unresolved RFI

The RFI resolution information is available on the **Processor Summary**. If an unresolved RFI exists on the case, the system displays the following error message: "The case cannot be completed with unresolved RFI. Please access the Interview Review Screen to review the RFI."

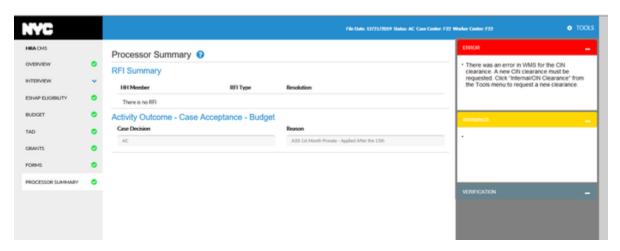


43. Processor Summary: CIN clearance Failure in WMS

When there is an individual in AP status on the case and the CIN clearance failed, SPOS displays a new warning message "There was an error in WMS for the CIN clearance. A new CIN clearance must be requested. Click "Internal/CIN Clearance" from the Tools menu to request a new clearance."

The Worker can run a new clearance to prevent a WMS error.

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44. Processor Summary: Help Text

 A Processor can view the Help Text by clicking the Help icon on the top of the Processor Summary screen to get assistance in using the screen.

<u>Help text displays as follows:</u> "The Processor Summary screen allows you to review any RFI matches for the case along with their resolution codes as well as the decision entered for the case. Use the Verification Widget to update any document's status, as well as confirm information to ensure the decision made on the case is the right decision. This is where staff will click Submit and send the case to the approving supervisor."

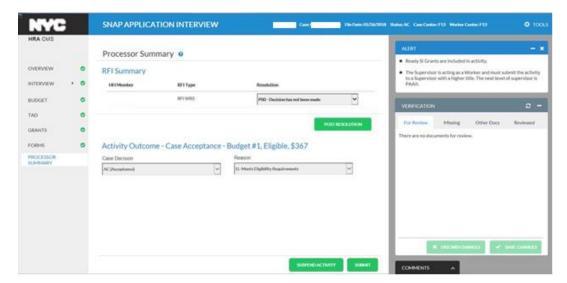
45. Processor Summary Screen Update to Complete Activities

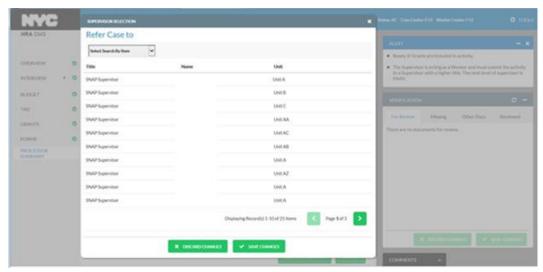
There are no Classic POS windows to finish activities.

- Processors must click the Submit button (on the bottom right-side corner of the Processor Summary screen), to access the Supervisor Selection dialog box to submit the case to their Supervisor.
- Once a Supervisor is selected, click on Save Changes to send the case to the Supervisor's queue.

Note: The Worker's assigned Supervisor in POS enrollment is pre-selected as the default option but the Worker can change the selection and choose another supervisor.

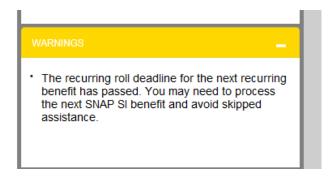
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46. Processor Summary and Supervisor Summary: Skipped Benefit Warning Messages for Recertifications

The Worker will be warned when there may be a skipped benefit situation for a recertification case in order that it can addressed without the participant missing their assistance. Display of a warning message when the **Processor Summary** and **Supervisor Summary** is accessed.



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47. Supervisor Summary: Help Text

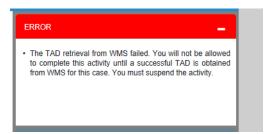
 A Processor can view the Help Text by clicking the Help icon on the top of the Supervisor Summary screen to get assistance in using the screen.

<u>Help text displays as follows:</u> "The Supervisor Summary screen allows you to review all the data entered on that case at a glance. Supervisors can see the RFI summary, Activity Outcomes, line level decisions, any parts of the activity that have been disapproved, as well as the ability to view the documents on the Verification Widget."

48. Supervisor Summary: Display Message if WMS is Not Available

An error message will display informing the Worker to suspend the case if WMS was not available at the time that activity was opened to avoid submission of an invalid action that will cause WMS errors.

When connection to WMS fails, the following message displays informing the Worker to suspend current activity: "The TAD retrieval from WMS failed. You will not be allowed to complete this activity until a successful TAD is obtained from WMS for this case. You must suspend the activity."



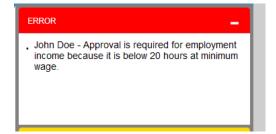
49. Supervisor Summary: Check for Minimum Self-Employment Income

An error message for the Supervisor will display at activity completion when there is weekly employment income below 20 times the Federal Minimum Wage that they have not approved.

The Supervisor is required to review this information to prevent possible errors. This error message displays: "[Name of client with income] - Approval is required for employment income because it is below 20 hours at minimum wage". The error is triggered in the **Supervisor Summary** window.

This edit runs for the following activities:

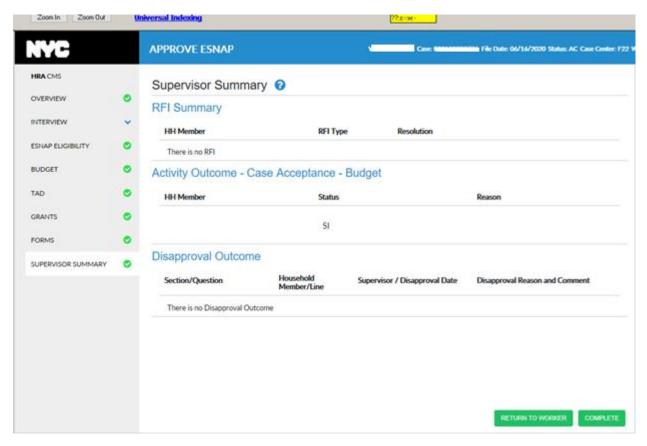
- Approve SNAP Application Interview
- Approve SNAP Recert
- Approve EC SNAP Application Interview
- Approve **EC SNAP Recert**



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50. Supervisor Summary Screen Updates for Activity Completion and Transmission

Supervisors can now finish approval activities completely within SPOS. There will no longer be any Classic POS windows at the end of activities. There is new functionality associated with the **Complete** button and the **Return to Worker** button.



<u>Complete button:</u> The <u>Complete button</u> appears at the bottom right-side corner of the <u>Supervisor</u> <u>Summary</u> screen for the <u>Supervisor</u> to complete an action and send a transaction to WMS when needed.

<u>Return to Worker button:</u> The <u>Return to Worker</u> button appears at the bottom of the <u>Supervisor Summary</u> screen to return the case to a Worker for revisions. When <u>Return to Worker</u> is selected, a dialog box listing the Workers opens. The Worker who sent the case is selected by default, but the Supervisor has the option to choose another Worker, Supervisors may search for Workers by title, name, or unit.

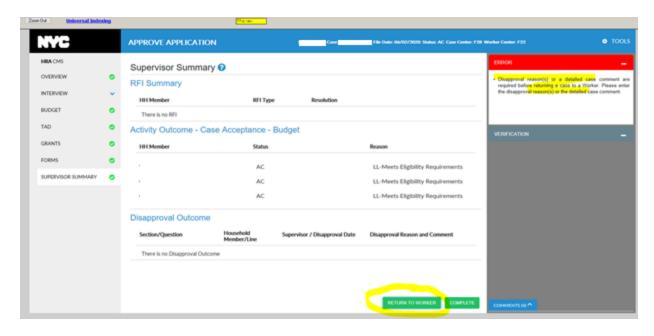
 The Supervisor clicks Save Changes after selecting a Worker and the case is sent back to the Worker.

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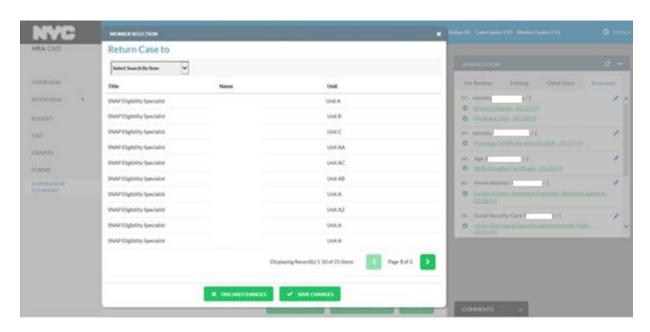
51. Business Rules: Supervisor Return Function

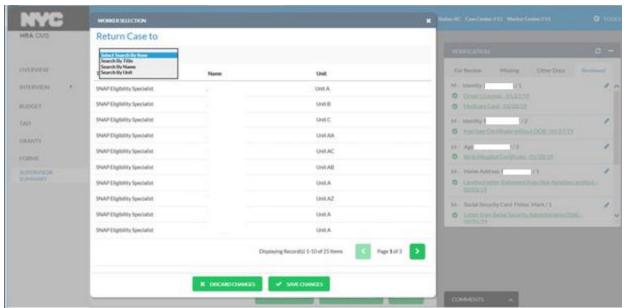
The **Supervisor Summary** screen displays an error message for the below activities when the Supervisor attempts to return a SPOS activity to a Worker without entering a comment and without disapproving a section of the activity.

- Application Interview
- Recertification Interview
- ESNAP
- Change Case Data
- Failed to Keep Application
- Case Transfer
- Approval of Error Correction activities like (Approve EC SNAP Change)
- Case Data
- Approve SNAP Case Transfer
- Approve **EC ESNAP Issuance** (NCA SNAP)
- Approve EC-FTK SNAP App Interview
- Approve EC SNAP Application Interview
- Approve FTK SNAP Application Interview
- Approve **EC SNAP Recert**, Approve **ESNAP Issuance** (NCA SNAP Case)
- Approve SNAP Change Case Data
- Approve SNAP Application Interview
- Approve SNAP Recert)



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52. WMS Transmission: Integrate WMS Error Numbers Into Errors Displayed

The Worker or Supervisor can view WMS error(s) returned together with the transmission error message when a TAD and/or grant fails to transmit successfully to WMS to address any issues found. This applies to the following screens:

- Processor Summary when there is direct transmission to WMS of a TAD and/or Grant.
- Supervisor Summary when there is transmission to WMS by the Supervisor of a TAD and/or Grant.

<u>Example:</u> The error message for the TAD indicates: "The Transaction Posted Unsuccessfully (TAD). E1234 WMS Error Description."

<u>Example:</u> The error message for the Grant indicates: "The Transaction Posted Unsuccessfully (Grants). E2199 - NO PAYEE ON FILE."

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53. WMS Transmission: Eligibility

A TAD transmission to WMS for a case that is in AP status in WMS can be sent to the State for processing eligibility determinations.

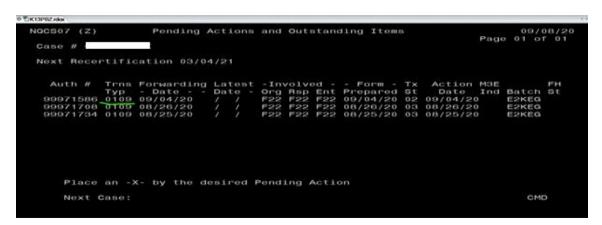
Proper Transmission of Eligibility Transactions to WMS for their ongoing benefits include **SNAP Application Interview, ESNAP issuance**, **Error correction** activities and their corresponding supervisor approval activities.

54. WMS Transmission: Undercare

A TAD Transmission to WMS for a case that is in SI, AC or Closed (CL) status in WMS for an Undercare determination can be sent to the State for processing. Proper Transmission of Undercare transactions to WMS for their ongoing benefits include **SNAP Application Interview**, **SNAP Recertification Interview** and **SNAP Change Case Data**, **Error Correction** activities and their corresponding supervisor approval activities.

Supervisors can submit a TAD from SPOS to WMS for a case in AC status in WMS without changes to the SNAP case status and the undercare determination for a new budget selected, address changes and individual changes can be sent to the State for processing.

Pending Transactions:



Case level Data:

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55. WMS Transmission: Grants

Eligibility determinations can be sent to the State for processing of Grant Transmissions to WMS for a case that is in AP status in WMS

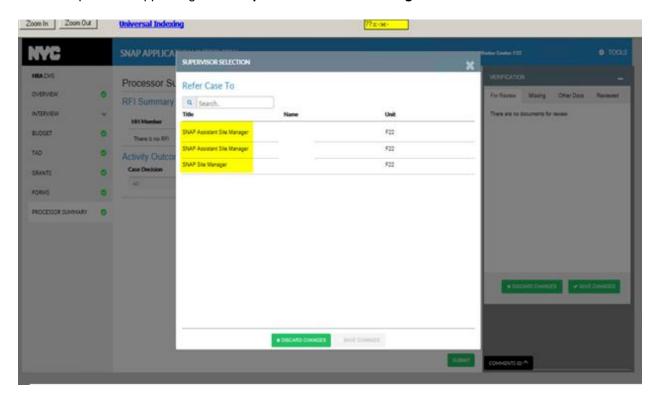
Proper Transmission of grants to WMS for their ongoing benefits include **SNAP Application Interview**, **SNAP Recertification Interview** and **SNAP Change Case Data, ESNAP activities**, **Error Correction** activities and their corresponding supervisor approval activities.

56. WMS Transmission: Determining Originating Center for TAD and Grants

The Worker can track transactions in reports and **WMS Inquiry** screens if the proper Center ID is transmitted as the originating center when a TAD or grant is done.

57. Business Rules: Supervisory Review - Levels of Approval

Automated approval logic in SPOS 4 allows for the proper level of review to be processed along with the correct Supervisors appearing in the **Supervisor Selection Dialog** window.



58. Business Rules: Selective Case Review

The **Selective Case Review** business rules determines whether the case action can be transmitted directly to WMS when it is completed in SPOS, so that the cases that should be directly transmitted go to WMS and all other cases go to the selected Supervisor.

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Case and Worker attributes for Selective Case Review

There are certain case attributes the system must track to determine whether the case meets the criteria for Selective Case Review (**SCR**) or not. The system can thus determine whether direct transmission to WMS can be done from a Worker's action, skipping the Supervisor review.

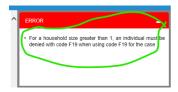
Attributes captured in SPOS and available for use in business rules and SCR determination by the time the case action is completed by the processor:

- 1. Budget change
- 2. Child Added
- 3. Demographic change
- 4. Earned income
- 5. Homebound casehead
- 6. Household change
- 7. No-change recertification
- 8. Homeless case with no income and no rent
- 9. Non-citizen on case
- 10. Re-Applicant Case
- 11. SNAP benefit amount less than \$37

59. WMS Transmission and Business Rule: SPOS TAD and Transmission Updates for Denial/Closing Code F19

The Worker can now select Denial/Closing Code **F19** (Refusal to Cooperate with Quality Control) at the **SNAP Case Status** and Individual Level Status on the TAD when the household size is greater than one. If **F19** is used on the Case Level Status Reason, then the Worker must indicate **F19** at the **Individual Status Reason** otherwise error messages will be displayed.

The Worker can enter Denial/Closing Code **F19** at the **SNAP Case Status** and **Individual Level Status** in this situation, allowing the TAD to be completed in one transaction.

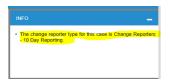


60. Business Rules: SNAP Change Case Data

- Income Reported during the Month the Change Occurred: The "Income reported during the month the change occurred" rule will only run in the Interview Review window in back-end for SNAP Change Case Data and EC- SNAP Change Case Data activities.
- <u>Deferrals for simplified change reporters:</u> This is a business Rule that alerts the Worker to process changes when a simplified change reporter's income is above the 130% of the poverty level to complete the required action.

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- <u>Determine change reporter type for SNAP Change Case Data:</u> Determine the type of change reporter and display an informational alert on the <u>Interview Review</u> screen when in <u>SNAP Change Case Data</u>, <u>Approve SNAP Change Case Data</u>, <u>EC-SNAP Change Case Data</u>, <u>EC Approve or SNAP Change Case Data</u>.
- Change reporter types are Change Reporter 10-day reporting, Transitional Benefit Assistance, New York State Nutrition Incentive Program (NYSNIP), New York State Council on Adolescent Pregnancy (NYSCAP), and simplified 6-month change reporting.



61. Business Rules: SNAP Case Transfer

An error message is displayed when the Worker tries to initiate a **SNAP Case Transfer** activity for a case with pending actions in WMS or SPOS. Open actions are handled before changing the center ID for the case.

<u>Pending Action in WMS (with WMS Transaction Type **0107** (Eligibility) with Transaction Status **02** (Error) or **04** (Suspended/Clock Down).</u>

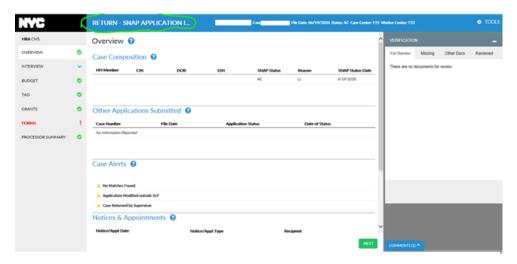
<u>Pending Actions in SPOS</u> for the following activities: **SNAP Application Interview**, **SNAP Recertification Interview** or **SNAP Change Case Data**, or any Error Correction of these activities, any approval of these activities, or any approval of error correction of these activities.)



62. Activity header update: heading for activities returned by supervisor

The Processor can see the word *Return* in the header bar label if the case action was returned by the Supervisor. This will allow the Processor to follow up on fixing issues identified by the Supervisor. The new label only appears if the action was returned by a Supervisor with activities that include: **Return - FTK SNAP Application Interview and Return - EC FTK SNAP** and **Application Interview**.

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63. Activity header update: shortened headings

The SNAP activity descriptions in SPOS are shortened to avoid running past the space available on the SPOS screen headers. When the casehead name is too long (24 Characters) and the header information is overflowing into second line, new activity descriptions have been developed to resolve this issue.

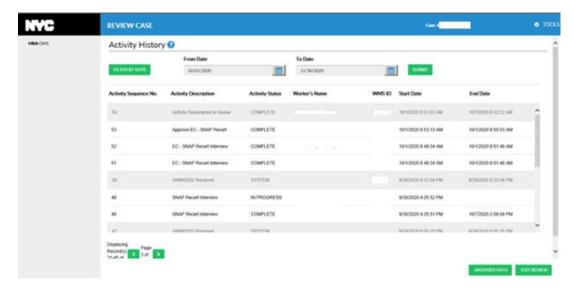
Original activity description	New activity description
EC-SNAP Application Interview	EC-Application
SNAP Case Transfer	Case Transfer
ESNAP Issuance	ESNAP Decision
FTK SNAP Application Interview	FTK Application
SNAP Change Case Data	Change Case Data
EC-ESNAP Issuance	EC-ESNAP Decision
EC-SNAP Recert Interview	EC-Recertification
EC-FTK SNAP Application Interview	EC FTK Application
EC-SNAP Change Case Data	EC-Change Case Data
Approve SNAP Application Interview	Approve Application
SNAP Stop Adverse Action	Stop Adverse Action
SNAP Settle in Conference	Settle in Conference
SNAP Application Interview	Application Interview
Approve SNAP Case Transfer	Approve Case Transfer
Approve ESNAP Issuance	Approve ESNAP Decision
Approve EC-SNAP App Interview	Approve EC-Application

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SNAP Sep Det-Elig Decision	Separate Determination
Approve FTK SNAP Application Interview	Approve FTK Application
Approve SNAP Recert	Approve Recertification
Approve SNAP Change Case Data	Approve Change Case Data
SNAP Recertification Interview	Recertification Interview
EC-SNAP Sep Det-Elig Decision	EC-Separate Determination
Approve EC-FTK SNAP App Interview	Approve EC-FTK Application
Approve EC- SNAP Recert	Approve EC-Recertification

64. Review case: Audit - Limiting Time Frame of Review

The Auditor can use the **Review Case Information** to complete an Audit. An Auditor, enrolled in Auditor Role Title 27, can only view data for specific SPOS SNAP case numbers assigned by Department Social Services/Human Resources Administration (DSS/HRA) Staff. An Auditor can access only the **Review Case** screens in SPOS. The **Review Case** screen will display **Review Case Activity Data**, **Case Comment**, **Printed Form Data**, **Grant Request** and **Issuance Information** and **Indexed Document Information** for the assigned **SPOS SNAP Case**.

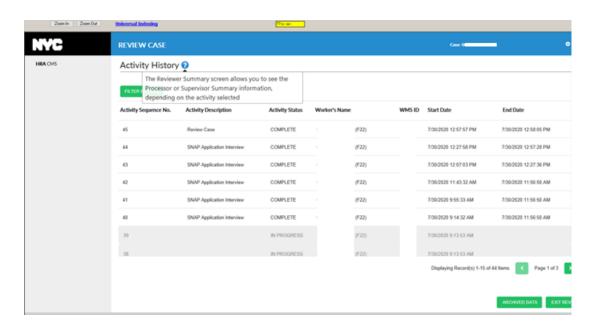


65. Review Case: Help Text for Activity History

 The Processor can view the Help Text by clicking the Help icon on the top of the Activity History screen to get assistance in using the screen.

<u>Help text displays as follows:</u> "The Reviewer Summary screen allows you to see the Processor or Supervisor Summary information, depending on the activity selected."

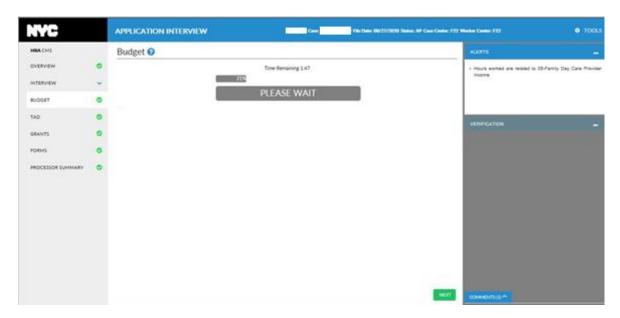
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66. Technology Update: WMS budget outside of Citrix

This technology update runs the budget from SPOS without opening the black WMS windows. This helps in processing the case without the need of legacy application.

Workers click the Calculate Budget button on the Budget screen to get a Please Wait message. The
Worker will then be able see the progress bar with the time remaining for the running of the budget.



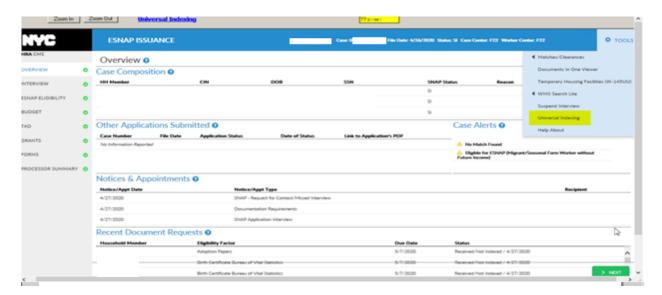
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67. Technology Update: Turn Off Activity Completion Edits

This technology update provides an effective way to turn on and off activity completion edits. The edits can be disabled in an expedited manner if required by business or by an emergency situation.

68. Technology Update: Access to Universal Indexing Tool in SPOS

• Workers can access the Universal Indexing Tool (UIT) / Centralized Web Indexing (CWI) from SPOS to access documents that were scanned and need to be indexed. The Universal Indexing Tool (UIT) / Centralized Web Indexing (CWI) is accessible from SPOS without needing to click on the PowerBuilder link. The Worker does not need to login separately into UIT/CWI to access. Session and activity remains active and open and the Worker can seamlessly return to the case to continue processing after indexing is completed.



69. Technology Update: For Overview Screen Move Other Applications Lookup to Nightly Process

All data for other applications is retrieved on a nightly process. It is readily available on the **Overview** screen for new applications submitted via Access HRA to optimize the retrieval time.