

From the Hotline

- Q What is the difference between abandoning a shelter placement and refusing shelter placement?
- A. Abandoning a shelter placement occurs after the family is already staying in a shelter, hotel or motel and the family disappears or doesn't return to the shelter. Send an NFL-9 terminating shelter benefits due to abandoning placement AND having feasible alternative housing (the family is living somewhere else).

Refusing shelter placement can occur for an initial placement or as a transfer from one shelter, hotel or motel to another.

- At application, the applicant is found eligible for EA and is given the NFL-9 approving EA benefits. A shelter placement is found for the EA applicant, who then refuses to go to that shelter. The family has been approved for EA benefits but refuses to accept, and therefore must be sent an NFL-9 terminating the EA benefits due to refusal to accept shelter placement.
- A new shelter placement has been found for the EA AU. The Shelter Transfer notice (TES-TR-1) has been sent/given to the EA AU but the recipient refuses to go. The recipient must be sent an NFL-9 terminating the EA benefits due to refusal to accept shelter placement.

Note #1 In the above examples, the 12-month eligibility rule will apply if the EA AU reapplies for EA benefits.

Note #2 If the recipient is sent on an interview for another shelter placement and refuses to go to the interview without good cause, send the documentation into the Noncompliance Committee for review.

- Q. Is a food stamp recipient's babysitting income considered "self-employment" income and, if so, would she be exempt from Quarterly Reporting?
- A. Yes.



- Q. I have a TAFDC applicant whose car has a fair market value of \$14,800. She owes \$11,300. Is this applicant within the TAFDC asset limit?
- A. No. The fair market value of the car is \$14,800. The first \$10,000 of the fair market value is not countable. The difference (\$4,800) is a countable asset. Therefore the applicant's assets exceed the \$2,500 limit.

Note: The first \$5,000 of equity value is not countable. Since the equity value is less than \$5,000 (\$14,800 - \$11,300 = \$ 3,500), the equity value would not be a countable asset.

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- BT 68 BENDEX/SDX COLA and Federal/State Clocks (01/15/02)
- BT 69 NPA Food Stamp and Timely Case Closings (01/25/02)
- BT 70 BEACON Release 2.0.12 (01/25/02)
- BT 70A BEACON Release 2.0.12 (01/28/02)