

## DATA ENTRIES REFLECTING FINAL QC DETERMINATION

PI NUMBER: Q506-01

DATE: March 30, 2006

### SITUATION:

The Sample Month is January. The reviewer completes the review and determines that even though there is a \$25 error, the amount is under the error threshold therefore the case is considered correct. The FNS 310 Handbook Appendix C item 41 Shelter (Q5i Item 363-0038 (Correct Shelter Deduction) requires that the data entered should be based on the "final QC determination."

### QUESTIONS:

(1) Which shelter deduction dollar amount is to be used for data collection purposes when the case has a \$25 or less error--the amount based on Comparison I (in the example below, \$300) or from Comparison II (\$200 in this example)?

(2) When the error is \$25 or less, is the case considered to be correct (and coded as such) or in error with an excluded variance?

### Example:

The Eligibility Worker used \$200 as the rent amount in his/her budget computation for the next quarter's allotment. The QC reviewer discovers that the actual shelter cost (which was not required to be reported) was \$300.

(Note: In actuality, these dollar amounts may not bring about the result (error equal to or less than \$25) used in this example; these figures are used for the sake of discussion only.)

### RESPONSES:

(1) The amount that is to be entered in this item is \$300 which is the amount based on the final QC determination as specified in the FNS 310 Handbook. If the QC reviewer used Comparison I to determine the case correct or even that it is the lesser of the two error amounts, the shelter cost used is from the comparison used as "the final QC determination"

(2) Per FNS-310 Section 1220 (Computing the Amount Issued in Error), discussing the determination of the error amount, states: "The amount issued in error is the difference between the allotment amount authorized by the eligibility worker for issuance for the sample month . . . and the allotment amount computed by the . . . reviewer . . . EXCEPT (emphasis added) that eligible cases with differences of \$25 or less are not considered to be in error."