

Fleeing Felon Match (FFM)

The Fleeing Felon Match (FFM) is a monthly match performed by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) that matches records obtained from the Department of Justice (DOJ) Wanted Persons File and matches it against the Medi-Cal Master Eligibility File (MMEF) to determine individuals who are currently receiving assistance. The FFM process provides counties with information for current recipients who are fleeing felons or parole or probation violators.

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History

The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-193) and Assembly Bill (AB) 1542 (Chapter 270) signed August 11, 1997, provide that individuals who are fleeing felons or parole or probation violators are ineligible for CalWORKs (formerly known as AFDC), CalFresh (formerly known as food stamps), Housing Assistance, and Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Program (SSI/SSP) benefits. The implementation date for this match was January 1, 1998.

Data Sources

The data comes from:

- California Department of Justice (DOJ)
- County Social Services Agencies / Special Investigations Units

Criteria

The FFM uses recipients Social Security Number (SSN) from DOJ. Records where the SSN does not match will be matched on the name, any alias/also known as (a.k.a.) as reported on the DOJ file, date of birth, and sex.

Tolerance Level

FFM does not provide tolerance levels for CalWORKs and CalFresh. Counties will receive FFM information for each case that has a match.

Frequency

The match is sent monthly.

Method

The FFM information is available to counties in Secure File Transfer (SFT) electronic format via the consortia.

The FFM match is also delivered via Golden State Overnight (GSO) courier service for the counties that are unable to access the match via the consortia. GSO signs off when packages are picked up from CDSS, and then the counties sign the bill of lading when the packages are handed over. An acknowledgement of receipt (AOR) is included in the package and is required to be faxed back to CDSS Fraud Bureau in order to confirm that the county has received the package. CDSS will follow up with the county if the AOR form is not received.

Age of Data

This is current upon receipt by the County.

Mandates

The requirements to the FFM are:

- Federal Mandate: PL 104-193 of 1996, Chapter 270 (Implemented 1998)
- Statue of 1997: WIC 11486.5

Notes
