DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-11-04

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS ALL FOOD STAMP COORDINATORS

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL
[] State Law Change [] Federal Law or Regulation Change
[] Court Order
Clarification Requested by
One or More Counties
[x] Initiated by CDSS

SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FIRST PHASE OF THE NEW FOOD STAMP PROGRAM (FSP) WEBSITE.

The purpose of this All-County Information Notice is to inform the counties of the phasing in of the new FSP website and the completion of the first phase. The address for the new website is http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/foodstamps/ and is available to state staff, county staff and the general public.

The homepage includes frequently asked questions and links to other pertinent information about the program or related areas. There are links to four pages which contain information on various aspects of the program.

The first page has information on how to apply for food stamp benefits and contains:

- A link to a downloadable application (DFA 285 A1)
- A list of county welfare departments and their contact information, including phone numbers and website addresses
- Basic facts about the application process

The second page contains the following eligibility requirement information:

- Citizenship/Immigration Status
- Income
- Reporting Changes
- Resources
- Work Requirements
- Fingerprint Imaging

The third page contains the following nutrition outreach information:

- Link to the 5 a Day Program
- Nutrition facts

The last page contains statistics about the FSP and its participants.

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The second phase will be an expansion of the general website to include a version of the pre-screening tool that is specific to California's FSP. There will also be additional links and information added based on input received from the California Welfare Directors Association.

If you have any questions about the website or any ideas for adding or improving the website, please call Katie Kwiatek at (916) 654-1898 or email her at katherine.kwiatek@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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