

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

June 14, 2006

ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NO. I-45-06

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- State Law Change
- Federal Law or Regulation Change
- Court Order
- Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- Initiated by CDSS

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL FOOD STAMP PROGRAM COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: ANNUAL FOOD STAMP PROGRAM (FSP) SURVEY OF OPERATIONS AND ACCESS

REFERENCE: MANUAL SECTIONS 63-104.21(h), AND 63-205.1, ALL COUNTY LETTER (ACL) 94-11

The purpose of this letter is to request that all County Welfare Departments (CWDs) Complete the Annual Survey of Operations and Access for the Food Stamp Program (FSP). State regulations require that an annual survey and review of hours of operation for the FSP offices be completed to ensure that the needs of recipients are adequately met.

BACKGROUND

State regulations require that all County Welfare Departments (CWDs) provide an annual report on their activities associated with the administration of FSP benefits in accordance with Manual of Policies and Procedures (MPP) Sections 63-104.21(h) and 63-205.1. The FSP Survey information is collected in the two primary areas—Access and Awareness activities and certification activities based on county operations. It also contains information regarding face-to-face interview waivers and extended office hours.

The information provided on the survey is useful to the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) in determining statewide program needs. It also allows CDSS to Respond to information requests regarding the administration of the FSP and to aid in the analysis of legislative proposals and regulatory changes regarding the administration of the FSP in California.

The survey is divided into two parts: A) Access and Awareness, and B) Certification. Please be aware that these parts cover different time periods, and information is to be reported accordingly. Part A reflects activities conducted in State Fiscal Year (SFY)

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2005/2006, and Part B covers operations as of June 30, 2006, as well as SFY 2006. These time periods are also defined within the survey.

SURVEY COMPLETION

The survey is an Excel file and may be accessed online from the CDSS website at: (Please note that there is an underscore between "Surveys" and "1429"—i.e., Surveys_1429).

http://www.cdss.ca.gov/dssdb/Surveys_1429.htm

Information regarding how to download the survey is available on this website. After downloading the survey, information for completing and submitting the survey can be accessed by opening the survey file and clicking on the various "buttons" located at the top and left sides of the file. Once the survey has been completed, it is to be submitted electronically. If you have any technical questions related to the electronic completion and submission of the survey, please contact Kevin Andagan, Data Systems and Survey Design Bureau, at (916) 657-4354.

Completion of the survey electronically will save time, improve accuracy through the use of validation features, and facilitate data compilation. Counties that are unable to submit the survey electronically may contact Rosie Avena at (916) 654-1514 for a hard copy. If you are filling out a hard copy, please mail the completed survey to:

California Department of Social Services
Food Stamp Policy Bureau
744 P Street, M.S. 16-32
Sacramento, CA 95814
Attention: Rosie Avena

Please return a completed survey no later than August 15, 2006.

The summary of the survey for last year, SFY 2004/2005, is available online at: <http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/foodstamps/res/pdf/FSPSurvey.pdf> . If you need assistance completing this year's survey or if you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Rosie Avena, Food Stamp Policy Implementation Unit at (916)654-1514.

Sincerely,

Original Document Signed By:

RIGHTON YEE, Chief
Food Stamp Branch