

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

744 P Street, Sacramento, California 95814



September 12, 2006

ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-69-06

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL FOOD STAMP COORDINATORS  
ALL CalWORKs PROGRAM SPECIALISTS

SUBJECT: CORRECTION TO ALL COUNTY LETTER (ACL) NO. 06-31,  
DATED AUGUST 16, 2006, IMPLEMENTATION OF FOOD STAMP  
SIMPLIFICATION OPTIONS

REFERENCE: FOOD STAMP REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2002, (PUBLIC LAW 107-171  
OF MAY 13, 2002), ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-40-06, ALL  
COUNTY LETTER 06-31.

**REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL**

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

**IMPLEMENTATION DATE CHANGE**

The purpose of this letter is to inform counties that the implementation date of October 1, 2006, for the Simplification Options explained in ACL 06-31, has been extended to November 1, 2006. Due to last minute changes to regulations to eliminate all proration of utility allowances, some implementation instructions given in ACL 06-31 are impacted and need to be changed. Changes made to the implementation instructions also impacted certain forms that are needed to implement the Options. Other amendments to the ACL include several wording changes regarding heating/cooling costs and clarification of implementation instructions for the mass change notice (Temp 2225). Additional policy clarifications to recently raised questions will be provided in an ACIN to be released at a later date.

Wording changes to ACL 06-31 are discussed below in the section "Wording Changes."

Forms, including changes discussed below in the "Forms" section, will be accessible on-line at the CDSS web page noted on page 6 of ACL 06-31 within a week.

**WORDING CHANGES TO THE ACL**

- On page four of the ACL under STANDARD UTILITY ALLOWANCE (SUA), the last sentence of the paragraph has been changed to read: "if heating and cooling costs are incurred" to "if heating or cooling costs are incurred."

- On page five of the ACL, instructions for the TEMP 2225, “Notice to All Food Stamp Recipients,” is changed to read: This is the mass change informing document to be used in accordance with MPP 63-504.39 - “A notice of action is not required; however, if the county elects to not send notices of action, the county must publicize these mass changes through the news media; posters in certification offices, issuance locations, or other sites frequented by certified households; or mass change notices mailed to households.”
- On page four of ACL 06-31, the last sentence under “Limited Utility Allowance (LUA) is changed from “The LUA shall not be prorated when the food stamp household lives with an excluded/ineligible household member(s) per MPP 63-502.371” to “The LUA shall not be prorated when the food stamp household lives with an excluded/ineligible household member(s) per MPP 63-502.371 or when the household shares utilities included in the LUA with another household per MPP 63-502.372.”
- On page four of the ACL 06-31, the last sentence under “Telephone Utility Allowance (TUA) is changed from “The TUA shall not be prorated when the food stamp household lives with an excluded/ineligible household member(s) per MPP 63-502.371” to “The TUA shall not be prorated when the food stamp household lives with an excluded/ineligible household member(s) per MPP 63-502.371 or when the household shares the phone expense with another household per MPP 63-502.372.”

## **FORMS**

- DFA 285 A2 – on page five of the form at the bottom of the County Use Only section, the words “SUA, LUA, TUA prorated?” have been eliminated, as well as the “YES, NO” boxes. This form is in print showing the proration guidelines in the County Use Section. Counties are instructed to deplete existing stock and to ignore any references to proration. The corrected form, eliminating references to proration, will be issued after the original paper stock is depleted.
- DFA 285B - was previously obsolete, but has been reinstated for use. It is to be used as a Food Stamp Budget worksheet for Change Reporting households.
- QR 285B – on the first page under EXPENSES and next to SUA, LUA and TUA, the prorated boxes have been eliminated. Also under expenses, Child Support has been eliminated. In the title of Section F, the words “and Child Support Deductions” has been eliminated.
- SAWS 2 – on page 10 of the form under County Use Only, the words “SUA prorated” have been eliminated, as well as the “YES, NO” boxes. However, as stated in the ACL, this form has other program changes taking place at the same time FSP changes are being made, so this form will not be revised by November 1, 2006.
- Temp 2225 – in Attachment B of ACL 06-31, the title is changed from “As of October 1, 2006, the following types of money will no longer count when figuring food stamp benefits:” to “As of November 1, 2006, the following types of money will no longer count when figuring food stamp benefits:” On the left side of the page, about one-third of the way down, the sentence “By not counting the above income or savings, households will get more food stamp benefits.” is changed to “By not counting the above income or savings, households may get more food stamp benefits.”

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- Temp 2227 – in Attachment B of ACL 06-31, the title is changed from “As of October 1, 2006, the following types of money will no longer count when figuring food stamp benefits:” to “As of November 1, 2006, the following new deductions will be used when figuring food stamp benefits:”

If you have any questions, please contact Joyce Brewer at (916)654-3366 or via e-mail at: [Joyce.Brewer@dss.ca.gov](mailto:Joyce.Brewer@dss.ca.gov) .

Sincerely,

***Original Document Signed By:***

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