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## TO: ALL FOOD STAMP PROGRAM COORDINATORS

ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-97-00

## SUBJECT: FOOD STAMP PROGRAM – UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) RECIPES AND TIPS FOR HEALTHY, THRIFTY MEALS PUBLICATION

The purpose of this notice is to inform counties that the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has made available to the State of California approximately 195,584 additional copies of the recipe book, which highlights recipes from the newly revised Thrifty Food Plan. The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) has placed an order for these books, which should be arriving soon. Once they arrive, the CDSS warehouse will automatically mail a supply to each county for distribution to their respective participants. There is no charge for these recipe books, and additional copies will NOT be available after the initial distribution from the CDSS warehouse.

The recipe book is intended to help individuals or families with cooking skills and to provide basic cooking and safety guidance. The recipes and menus contained in this book take into account the Dietary Guidance for Americans and the Food Guide Pyramid.

We encourage you to distribute these books to participants, as you deem appropriate. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Rosemary Akhidenor, Food Stamp Program Bureau, Policy Implementation Unit, at (916) 654-2116.

Sincerely,

Original document signed by Gary Swanson on 10/13/00

GARY SWANSON, Chief Food Stamp Program Branch