

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, California 95814

**REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL**

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

October 6, 2006

ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-75-06

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL FOOD STAMP COORDINATORS
ALL CalWORKs PROGRAM SPECIALISTS
ALL CONSORTIUM PROJECT MANAGERS
ALL CIVIL RIGHTS COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: FOOD STAMP PROGRAM: FINAL RULE ON CIVIL RIGHTS
RACIAL/ETHNIC DATA COLLECTION

The purpose of this letter is to provide advance notification regarding implementation of the Food Stamp Civil Rights Racial/Ethnic Data Collection final rule (Federal Register, Vol. 71, No. 96, May 18, 2006). This rule implements the revised collection and reporting of racial/ethnic data by counties on persons receiving benefits from the Food Stamp Program. The effective date of this new rule is June 19, 2006, but must be implemented no later than April 1, 2007. These requirements will mandate that counties begin collecting racial/ethnic data for new multiple race categories.

Current Food Stamp Program regulations only provide for collection of racial/ethnic data for single race categories and must be revised to reflect the Food and Nutrition Services' new racial/ethnic reporting categories. We must, therefore, revise the current Application for Food Stamp Benefits (DFA 285-A1); Food Stamp Program Participants by Ethnic Group Reports (DFA 358F and DFA 358S); and, Application for Cash Aid, Food Stamps, And/Or Medi-Cal/State CMSP (SAWS 1).

The revisions are being developed and should be ready for release to the counties to initiate action to implement these changes no later than January 1, 2007. More detailed information will be provided in an upcoming All-County Letter, anticipated to be released in early October.

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If you have any questions regarding this ACIN, please contact the Food Stamp Bureau at (916) 654-1896. For general questions regarding the Application for Cash Aid, Food Stamps, And/Or Medi-Cal/State CMSP (SAWS 1), call your CalWORKs County Consultant or the Data Systems and Survey Design Bureau, at (916) 651-8269, regarding the Food Stamp Program Participants by Ethnic Group reports.

Sincerely,

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