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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO I-96-08

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 COORDINATORS
ALL QUALITY CONTROL COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES (CDSS) FOOD STAMP PROGRAM POLICY INTERPRETATION AND CONSULTATION SYSTEM (PICS)

REFERENCES: ACIN I-57-08

The purpose of this letter is to introduce the implementation of a new Policy Interpretation and Consultation System (PICS) that has been developed for the Food Stamp Program (FSP). PICS is an online database of CDSS program policy interpretations that was developed for several reasons: (1) to consolidate policy interpretations (PIs) in one location for easy accessibility; (2) to prevent duplication of work effort; and (3) to help standardize policy statewide. Individuals who work with FSP policy are encouraged to submit a request to access the system. A brief description of what is included in the system, how to search for policy issues, and how to request PICS access is discussed below.

“Read Only” Research Tool

The PICS allows the user to search for answers to program specific policy questions. It is a “read only” research tool and searches can be done by subject, policy source, date range, citation, text, or any combination of these factors. PICS currently consists of over 800 questions and answers (Qs & As) dating back from 1999 to present. All of the Qs & As entered into PICS were determined to have statewide policy implications and have been thoroughly vetted with the Food Stamp Review and Advisory Team (FRAT), other CDSS bureaus, and CDSS legal staff. They are also published in All County Information Notices (ACINs) which are available on the CDSS website.

The protocol for requesting policy clarification remains the same as instructed in ACIN I-57-08. Questions from counties will continue to be submitted directly to the FRAT Committee for a response through the Food Stamp Coordinator in their county and questions from QC staff, automation systems consortia or Administrative Law Judges (ALJs) will continue to be submitted directly to state staff.

Accessing PICS

PICS is available through the internet and can be accessed by the public, such as, program advocates or other governmental agencies. Because access to PICS is limited to authorized users only, interested individuals must request CDSS approval to utilize the system. Due to the anticipated high volume of requests for user access, CDSS asks that interested organizations limit each request to no more than a dozen names and to submit the requests on a flow basis. Each request should include the users' first and last names, their email addresses, and the name of the requesting county department and/or agency. Requests can be faxed or e-mailed to the CDSS Food Stamp Program Branch PICS Administrator to:

Rosie Avena, FSP PICS Administrator
"Requesting PICS Access"
Fax number (916) 657-1806 or,
E-mail to: rosie.avena@dss.ca.gov

Ms. Avena will review each request and, as appropriate, authorize access to the system. The PICS user manual contains easy-to-follow instructions on how to request online access and how to use the system. The user manual can be accessed at <http://www.cdsscounties.ca.gov/fspolicy>.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Rosie Avena, FSP Analyst, at (916) 654-1514 or LeAnne Torres, Manager of the FSP Policy Implementation Unit, at (916) 654-2135..

Sincerely,

Original Document Signed By:

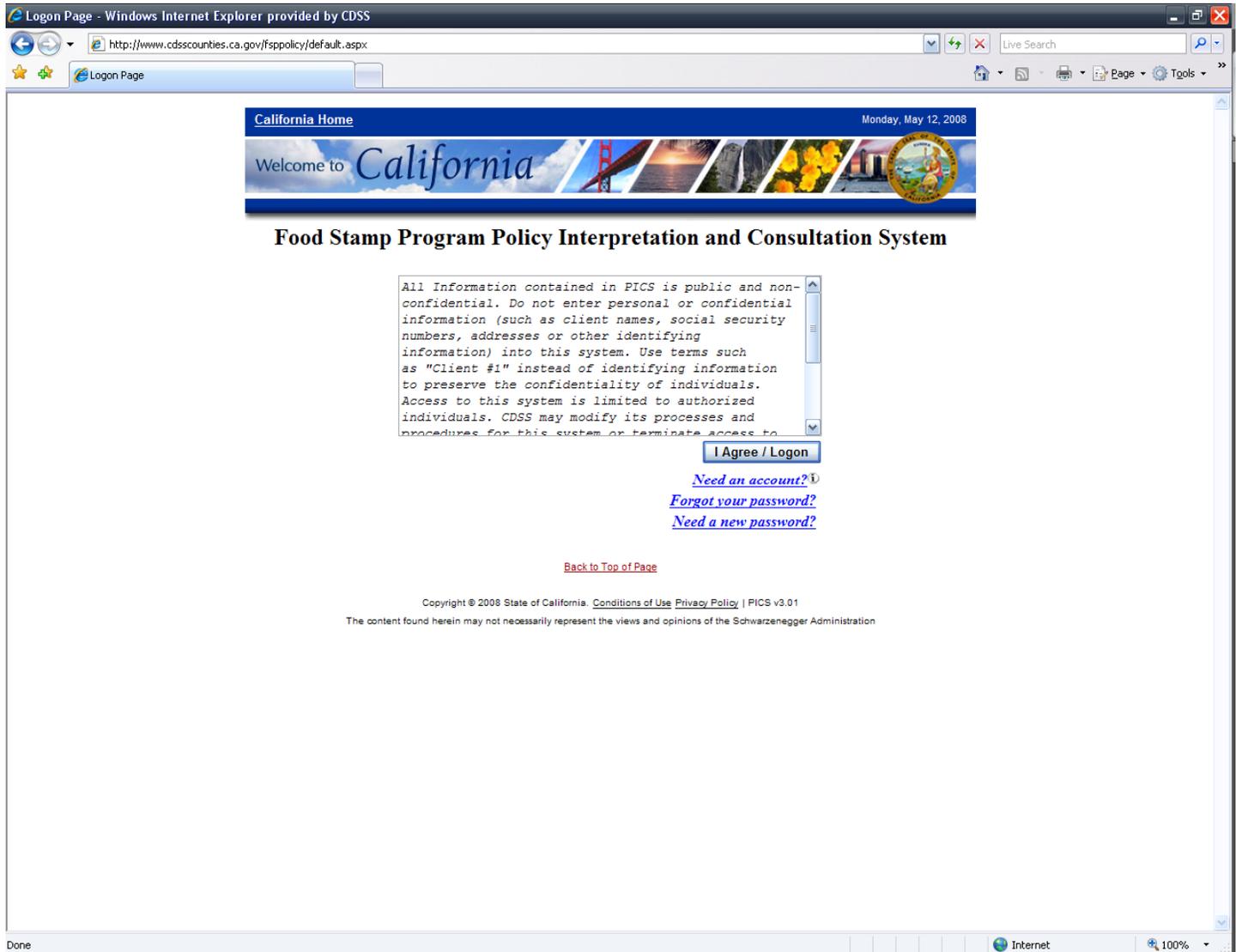
CHARR LEE METSKER
Deputy Director
Welfare-to-Work Division

Please use the Internet Explorer (IE) to view Food Stamp Program Policy Interpretation and Consultation System (FSP PICS).

Start Screen

The URL for FSP PICS is <http://www.cdsscounties.ca.gov/fsppolicy>. You may want to put it into your favorites.

The FSP PICS starts from here.



The screenshot shows a Windows Internet Explorer browser window. The address bar displays the URL <http://www.cdsscounties.ca.gov/fsppolicy/default.aspx>. The page title is "Logon Page - Windows Internet Explorer provided by CDSS". The browser's address bar also shows "Live Search". The page content includes a "California Home" banner with the date "Monday, May 12, 2008" and a "Welcome to California" graphic. Below the banner is the title "Food Stamp Program Policy Interpretation and Consultation System". A text box contains the following disclaimer: "All Information contained in PICS is public and non-confidential. Do not enter personal or confidential information (such as client names, social security numbers, addresses or other identifying information) into this system. Use terms such as 'Client #1' instead of identifying information to preserve the confidentiality of individuals. Access to this system is limited to authorized individuals. CDSS may modify its processes and procedures for this system or terminate access to...". Below the text box is a button labeled "I Agree / Logon". There are three links: "Need an account?", "Forgot your password?", and "Need a new password?". At the bottom of the page, there is a "Back to Top of Page" link and a copyright notice: "Copyright © 2008 State of California. Conditions of Use Privacy Policy | PICS v3.01. The content found herein may not necessarily represent the views and opinions of the Schwarzenegger Administration". The browser's status bar at the bottom shows "Done" and "Internet" with a 100% zoom level.

To set up an account click on [Click Here](#) next to the text: ***Need an account?***

Sign Up

Request an account from here.

California Home Tuesday, July 31, 2007

Welcome to *California*

[Sign Up](#) [Back](#) [Exit](#)

SIGN UP FOR THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM POLICY INTERPRETATION & CONSULTATION SYSTEM
YOU ARE NOT LOGGED ON TO THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM POLICY INTERPRETATION & CONSULTATION SYSTEM

Name	Last	Cheezbits	First	Freda
County or Organization	<input type="radio"/> County <input checked="" type="radio"/> Organization <input type="text" value="Food Stamps Policy Bureau"/> <input type="radio"/> Other			
Telephone Number	<input type="text" value="916-654-9999"/>			
Your Email Address	<input type="text" value="freda.cheezbits@cdss.ca.gov"/>			
Your Password ⓘ	<input type="password" value="••••••••"/>			
Confirm Your Password	<input type="password" value="••••••••"/>			

Signup.aspx

[Back to Top of Page](#)

You must enter your last name, first name, email address, a password and a password confirmation. Other fields are optional.

If you select the **County** or **Organization Indicator** you must specify the county or organization.

Once your data is entered click on the **Sign Up Button**, or set focus on the **Sign Up Button** and press the **Enter Button** on your keyboard.

Password Guidelines

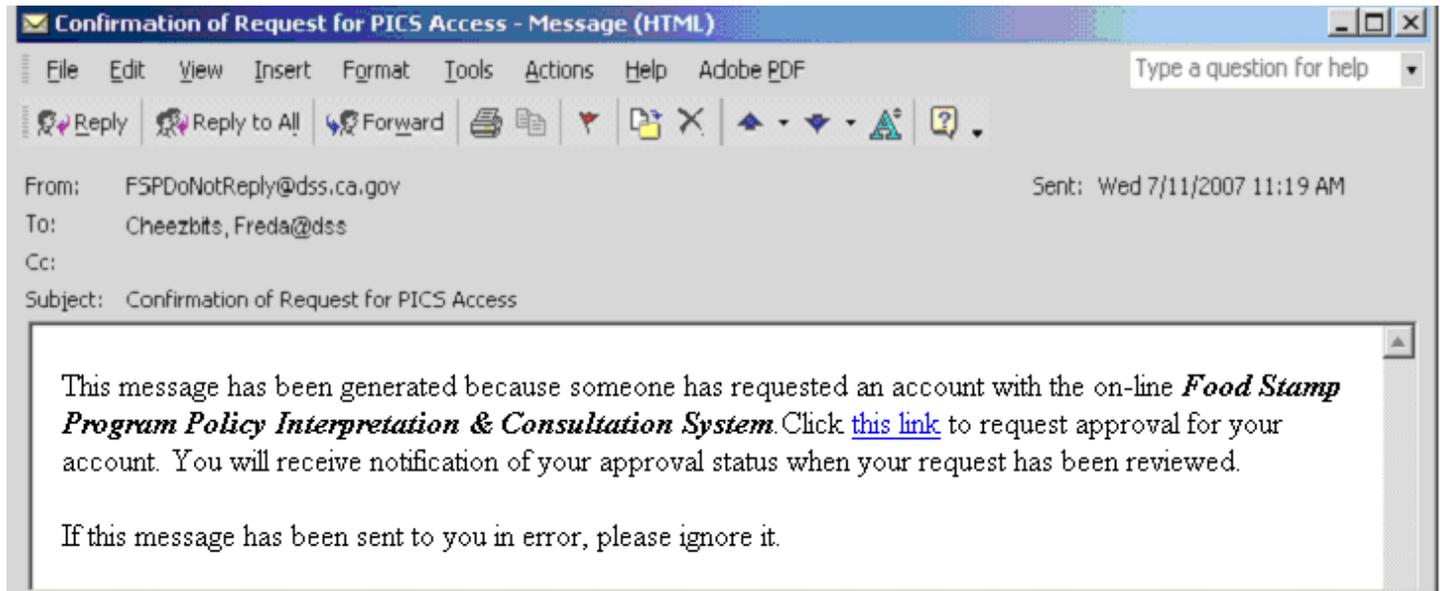
Please remember the following when creating a password:

- Passwords cannot be the userid or contain any part of the user's full name
- Passwords must contain at least three of the following password character classes:
 - Upper Case Letters A, B, C,...Z
 - Lower Case Letters a, b, c,...z
 - Numerals 0, 1, 2, ...9
 - Special Characters *, #, @, (,), [,], etc.
- Passwords should not include space(s)
- Passwords must be at least 7 characters long
- Cannot be reset in less than 7 days

Use random sequences of characters. These can be developed by use of a phrase, e.g. if you use first characters from the phrase "All for one and one for all", this can be made into "Af1a1fa", "afOa1fa", "afO&1fa".

Response to a Request for an Account

In response for a request for an account you will receive an email from the Food Stamp Program, (FSP), telling you to click on [this link](#). The email will be from: **FSPDoNotReply@DSS**. Once you take this action your email address will be considered valid.



You will receive notification of your approval status after your request has been reviewed by the FSP.

Forgot Password

If you forget your password this is where you request that it is emailed to you.

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window titled "Forgot Password - Microsoft Internet Explorer". The address bar displays "http://www.cdsscounties.ca.gov/fspolicy/default.aspx". The page content includes a "California Home" banner with the date "Tuesday, July 31, 2007" and a "Welcome to California" message. Below the banner are two buttons: "Send Password" and "Back". A message states: "You are not logged on to the Food Stamp Program Policy Interpretation & Consultation System". Below this is a "FORGOT PASSWORD" section with a text input field labeled "Your Email Address" containing the email address "freda.cheezbits@cdss.ca.gov". A "ForgotPassword.aspx" link is visible to the right of the input field. At the bottom, there is a "Back to Top of Page" link and a footer with copyright information for the State of California and a disclaimer for the Schwarzenegger Administration.

You will receive an email with your password regardless of whether or not your access to Food Stamp PICS has been approved or has expired.

New Password

Request a new password from here.

California Home Tuesday, July 31, 2007

Welcome to **California**

Update Password **Back**

You are not logged on to the Food Stamp Program Policy Interpretation & Consultation System

NEW PASSWORD

Your Email Address	freda.cheezbits@cdss.ca.gov
Your Old Password	••••••••
Your New Password	••••••••
Confirm Your Password	••••••••

NewPassword.aspx

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You will receive an email confirmation of your new password.

You can only change your password every 7 days.

You must change your password every 60 days.

All other California Department of Social Services (CDSS) [password guidelines](#) should be followed.

User License Agreement

To use this system, you are required to agree to the User Agreement.

Logging On

Once you have received an email that approves your request for an account you can now access PICS. To start you need to click on the **I Agree /Logon** Button.

Logon Page - Windows Internet Explorer provided by CDSS

http://www.cdsscounties.ca.gov/fsspolicy/default.aspx

California Home Monday, May 12, 2008

Welcome to California

Food Stamp Program Policy Interpretation and Consultation System

All Information contained in PICS is public and non-confidential. Do not enter personal or confidential information (such as client names, social security numbers, addresses or other identifying information) into this system. Use terms such as "Client #1" instead of identifying information to preserve the confidentiality of individuals. Access to this system is limited to authorized individuals. CDSS may modify its processes and procedures for this system or terminate access to...

I Agree / Logon

[Need an account?](#)

[Forgot your password?](#)

[Need a new password?](#)

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Done Internet 100%

Logon Prompt

Your logon is done from this popup. You can only logon after your email address has been verified and the request for an account has been approved.



Connect to www.cdsscounties.ca.gov

The server www.cdsscounties.ca.gov at food_stamp.dss.ca.gov requires a username and password.

Warning: This server is requesting that your username and password be sent in an insecure manner (basic authentication without a secure connection).

User name: Freda.Cheezbits@dss.ca.gov

Password:

Remember my password

OK Cancel

To successfully logon you must have validated your email address and been approved by the FSP.

There are no error messages issued from the logon screen. After 3 unsuccessful attempts to logon the form goes blank. If you are unable to logon restart FSP PICS and select the ***Forgot your password? link*** from the **Start Screen**.

Remember that your **User Name** is your email address.

If your password has expired the **New Password Screen** will automatically appear when you select the **OK Button**.

Search Screen

You may search by category topic, policy source, date range, citation, or text, or a combination of any of these factors.

Search - Windows Internet Explorer provided by CDSS

http://www.cdsscounties.ca.gov/fsppolicy/default.aspx

Welcome, Freda.Cheezebits@dss.ca.gov | [Logout](#)

THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM POLICY INFORMATION & CONSULTATION SYSTEM
SEARCH FOR POLICY INTERPRETATION

Search Criteria::

Apps/Certs Income/Resources HH Concept Noncitizens Other

Subject Search

Include

- All County Letters (ACL) ⓘ
- All County Information Notices (ACIN) ⓘ
- Laws ⓘ
- Manual of Policies and Procedures (MPP) ⓘ

Response Date

Beginning Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Ending Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Citations ⓘ

Text Search ⓘ

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Search.aspx

Done Internet 100%

Categories: There are 5 categories: Apps/Certs, Income/Resources, HH Concept, Noncitizens and Other. Each one contains multiple topics. Topics are used for a quick search. These topics are updated by FSP as a need arises.

Subject Search: This search is of the subject field. Use “AND” and “OR” in your search. Use double quotes if you are searching for a specific string of words.

Include: Possible sources are: ACL/ACIN, Laws, and MPP. Use 1 to 3 of these criteria.

Response Date: This search uses the date that an interpretation was finalized and published in FSP PICS by FSP. (Published means the State has finalized its interpretation).

Citations: This search is for a single citation. All or part of the citation may be used in a search. Do not include the policy source in this field, use only the citation.

Text Search: This search searches the background and question fields. Use “AND” and “OR” in your search. Use a pair of double quotes if you are searching for a specific string of words.

Category List

Each of the five categories contains multiple topics. Click on the down arrow located next to the category from which you want to display a list of the associated topic.

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "Search - Windows Internet Explorer provided by CDSS". The address bar shows the URL "http://www.cdsscounties.ca.gov/fsppolicy/default.aspx". The page content includes a "Home" button, a user greeting "Welcome, Freda.Cheezebits@dss.ca.gov | Logout", and a main heading "THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM POLICY INFORMATION & CONSULTATION SYSTEM SEARCH FOR POLICY INTERPRETATION".

Below the heading is a "Search Criteria:" section with five dropdown menus: "Apps/Certs", "Income/Resources", "HH Concept", "Noncitizens", and "Other". The "Noncitizens" dropdown is open, showing a list of topics including "40 Quarters", "Affidavit of Support", "Amnesty noncitizens", "Asylee", "Battered Citizen", "CAPI", "CFAP", "Disability", "Illegal Noncitizen", "Immigration Status", "Indefinite Eligibility", "Indigent", "Legal Perm. Resid.", "Noncitizen Definition", "Noncitizen w/disability", "Parolees", "Qualified non-cit", "Refugee", "Reporting Illegal non-cit.", "SAVE", "Sponsor", "Trafficking", "Verification", "Veteran", and "VOLAG".

On the left side of the search criteria, there are several input fields and checkboxes:

- Subject Search:** A text box containing "Overissuance".
- Include:** Four checked checkboxes: "All County Letters (ACL)", "All County Information Notices (ACIN)", "Laws", and "Manual of Policies and Procedures (MPP)".
- Response Date:** Two date input boxes labeled "Beginning Date" and "Ending Date", both with "(mm/dd/yyyy)" format hints.
- Citations:** A text box containing "63.801".
- Text Search:** A text box containing "Lomeli".

At the bottom of the search criteria section are "Search" and "Clear Search" buttons. A "Back to Top of Page" link is located below the search buttons. The browser status bar at the bottom shows "Done", "Internet", and "100%".

Informational Help

Help is available where you see the  symbol. Click on the symbol to display the associated help. Move the mouse over the **Close** label and help will disappear.

New Account Close
Click here to go to the **Sign Up Page**. After you sign up, you will need to activate your account by responding to an email that you will be sent.

Validation Errors Displayed

Problems with entries are noted in red on the top of the screen. You will also notice a red asterisk next to the field needing a correction.

Search - Windows Internet Explorer provided by CDSS

http://www.cdsscounties.ca.gov/fsppolicy/default.aspx

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• "Do not use ""And"", ""Or"" or ""&"" in the Citation field."

THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM POLICY INFORMATION & CONSULTATION SYSTEM
SEARCH FOR POLICY INTERPRETATION

Search Criteria::

Apps/Certs Income/Resources HH Concept Noncitizens Other

Subject Search: Overissuance

Include:

- All County Letters (ACL) ⓘ
- All County Information Notices (ACIN) ⓘ
- Laws ⓘ
- Manual of Policies and Procedures (MPP) ⓘ

Response Date:

Beginning Date: (mm/dd/yyyy)

Ending Date: (mm/dd/yyyy)

Citations ⓘ: 63.801

Text Search ⓘ: Lome11

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Search.aspx

Done Internet 100%

If you have an error, make your correction and click again on your selected button.

Search Results

After you have performed a search, a listing of the interpretations that match your criteria is displayed.

Search Results - Windows Internet Explorer provided by CDSS
 http://www.cdsscounties.ca.gov/fsppolicy/Search.aspx
 Welcome, Freda.Chezbits@dss.ca.gov | [Logout](#)

THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM POLICY INFORMATION & CONSULTATION SYSTEM
SEARCH RESULTS FOR POLICY INTERPRETATION

<u>Policy Source</u>	<u>Cite</u>	<u>Published</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Question</u>	<u>Action</u>
All County Letter	03-18; ACIN I-10-04 Question 30; BALDERAS LAW SUIT	1/3/2007	BALDERAS COURT CASE 1 - ACIN I-10-04	Will the FSP now require a personal/Balderas contact prior to the end of the month for non-receipt of QR 7?	View
All County Letter	03-18; ACIN I-10-04 Question 30; BALDERAS LAW SUIT	1/3/2007	BALDERAS COURT CASE 2 - ACIN I-10-04	Will the FSP now require a personal/Balderas contact prior to the end of the month for non-receipt of QR 7?	View
All County Letter	06-60; 07-45	Pending	SWORN STATEMENT INSUFFICIENT FOR U VISA VICTIMS ACIN I-41-07	Is a sworn statement sufficient to establish the status of a victim of other serious crime applying for benefits under the U Visa provisions?	View
MPP		8/2/2006 Not Current	INCOME - CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS - CLARIFICATION TO ACIN I-34-05, PAGE 6 (June 24, 2005)	Is a CalWORKs Maximum Family Grant (MFG) child's receipt of child support from the Local Child Support Agency (LCSA) considered income in the FSP?	View
MPP		Pending	NONCITIZENS TRAFFICKING/SSN NOT REQUIRED FOR VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING	Once an applicant receives a U Visa, is she/he required to apply for and SSN?	View
MPP	20-300.33	9/27/2006	VOLUNTARY QUIT VS. INTENTIONAL PROGRAM VIOLATION DISQUALIFICATION - ACIN I-01-00	Do disqualifications and/or sanctions, such as for voluntary quit, follow the same penalties as IPV disqualification?	View
MPP	20-300.343	9/27/2006	INTENTIONAL PROGRAM VIOLATION PRIOR TO AND AFTER 8-22-96 - ACIN I-01-00	If an IPV contains some months prior to the regulation change and some after, what disqualification time frame do you impose? Example: 3 months is considered as an IPV.	View
MPP	20-300.343	9/27/2006	INTENTIONAL PROGRAM VIOLATIONS (IPV) PRIOR TO 8-22-96 - ACIN I-01-00	MPP 20-300 states Intentional Program Violations (IPVs) that occurred prior to August 22, 1996 shall be considered only as previous disqualification. 3 month ha	View

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ...

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Search_Results.aspx

You can sort your results by clicking on any of the underlined column headings.

If there is more than 1 page of results you can navigate through the pages by clicking on the numbers at the bottom of the screen.

If there are no matches, no items will be shown on the page.

There are three different statuses for interpretations. The status can be differentiated by the text in the **Published Column**.

Policy Source: Shows the major policy source.

Cite: Shows the citation(s) related to the source named in the Policy Source column.

Published: Shows a date or "Pending" or a date and "Not Current".

If only a date is shown, the interpretation is approved by FSP and is current. The first two interpretations shown above are *Published* and *Current*.

If a date and “Not Current” are shown, the interpretation was approved by FSP but is no longer current. There may or may not be a revised interpretation for the question. The third interpretation is of this type.

If “Pending” is shown the question has been entered but FSP has not yet published the final State’s version. A *Pending Interpretation* is still being worked on by staff. The fourth interpretation is of this type.

Subject: When the interpretation is pending, the initial subject is shown. When the interpretation is published, the final subject is shown. (Any changes that are in progress while the state’s interpretation is being developed are not displayed until the interpretation is published).

Question: When the interpretation is pending, the initial wording of the question is shown. When the interpretation is published, the final form is shown. (Any changes that are in progress while the state’s interpretation of the question is being developed are not displayed until the interpretation is published).

Action: Allows access to view the entire interpretation. Click on **View** to see the entire interpretation.

Detail View of Published Interpretation

There are three different statuses for an interpretation. An interpretation can be *Published and Current*, *Published and No Longer Current*, or *Pending*.

The view below is of a question that is *Published and Current*. (Published means the State has finalized its interpretation). On the **Search Result Screen** (page 15) there is a date in **Published Column**. An interpretation in this status displays the text: **NOTICE: The policy expressed on this web page is based on the unique set of facts presented and should not be presumed to apply to all other situations.**

Search Detail - Windows Internet Explorer provided by CDSS

http://www.cdsscounties.ca.gov/fsppolicy/Search_Results.aspx

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YOU ARE LOGGED ON TO THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM POLICY INFORMATION & CONSULTATION SYSTEM
SEARCH DETAIL POLICY INTERPRETATION

Subject	BALDERAS COURT CASE 1 - ACIN I-10-04
Source	All County Letter
Citations ⓘ	03-18; ACIN I-10-04 Question 30; BALDERAS LAW SUIT
Date of Response	1/3/2007
NOTICE: The policy expressed on this web page is based on the unique set of facts presented and should not be presumed to apply to all other situations.	
Background	NO BACKGROUND SUBMITTED
Question	Will the FSP now require a personal/Balderas contact prior to the end of the month for non-receipt of QR ??
State Response	The Balderas reminder contact is not required for NAFS cases.
Categories	<input type="checkbox"/> Apps/Certs <input type="checkbox"/> Income/Resources <input type="checkbox"/> HH Concept <input type="checkbox"/> Noncitizens <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly Reporting

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Search_Detail.aspx

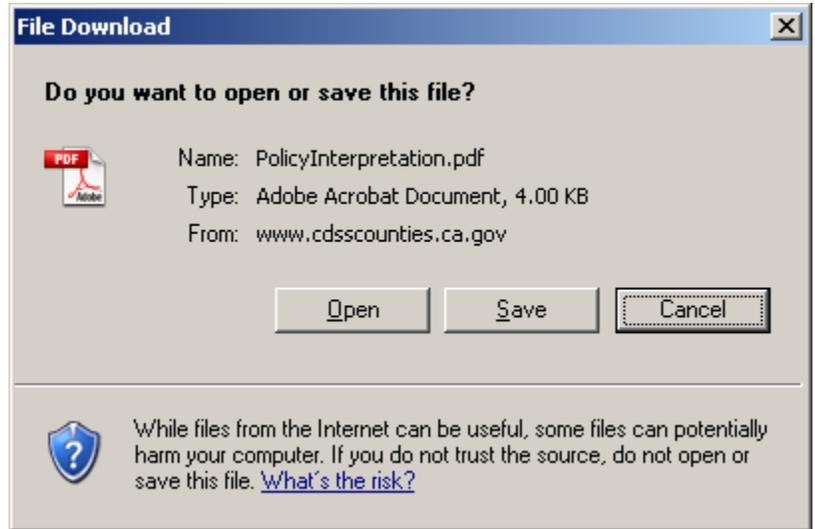
Done Internet 100%

A published interpretation shows the final State's version of the interpretation. If changes are needed the interpretation will be marked as obsolete and a new version of the interpretation may or may not be published.

Adobe Printout of the Interpretation

You can print or save a published interpretation from Adobe Reader.

You must have Adobe loaded on your PC to be able to use this facility. You can either open it and immediately print it or save it and print it at your leisure.



Printed Interpretation

This is the format of the interpretation:

COUNTY REQUEST FOR REGULATION INTERPRETATION

Subject: NONCITIZENS OPTING OUT 2 - ACIN I-79-03	Regulation Cite(s): 63-300.5(e)(2)(F); 63-301.5; 63-301.545(b); 63-301.545(c); 63-601.1; ACIN I-97-01
References: MPP	Date of Response: 8/10/2006

Background:

NO BACKGROUND SUBMITTED

Question:

A household received Expedited Services (ES) and verification was postponed. Prior to completing the application process for ongoing benefits, a sponsored noncitizen household member opts out of the household. Is there an overissuance (OI) of benefits for the ES month? Is the household entitled to a ten-day notice before you can reduce the allotment?

State Answer:

A noncitizen may choose to be excluded from the food stamp household (FSHH) under MPP 63-300.5(e)(2)(F) before the eligibility determination is completed. Unless the household willfully provides false information to gain benefits to which they were not entitled, since the FSHH is determined eligible under MPP 63-301.5 for ES at the time of issuance, no OI would be assessed if a noncitizen member of the FSHH later opts out after ES is granted but before the determination of eligibility is completed. In accordance with MPP 63-301.545(b) and (c), the final eligibility determination for the household would then be based on the remaining household members and no ten-day notice would be required to adjust the benefits.

As a reminder, the provisions of MPP 63-300.5(e)(2)(F) only apply to non-assistance food stamp households.

NOTICE: The policy expressed in this document is based on the unique set of facts presented and should not be presumed to apply to all other situations.

Detail View of No Longer Current Interpretation

The view below is of a question that is Published and *No Longer Current*. (Published means the State has finalized its interpretation). An interpretation in this status displays the text:

Below this heading there will be an explanation for why the interpretation is no longer current.

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "Search Detail - Windows Internet Explorer provided by CDSS". The address bar shows the URL "http://www.cdsscounties.ca.gov/fspolicy/Search_Results.aspx". The page content includes navigation buttons (Home, Back, Print) and a user greeting: "Welcome, Freda.Cheezebits@dss.ca.gov | Logout".

The main heading reads: "YOU ARE LOGGED ON TO THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM POLICY INFORMATION & CONSULTATION SYSTEM SEARCH DETAIL POLICY INTERPRETATION". Below this is a prominent red banner with the text: "THIS RESPONSE IS NO LONGER CURRENT" and a link "Make obsolete".

The page contains a table with the following fields:

Subject	INCOME – CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS - CLARIFICATION TO ACIN I-34-05, PAGE 6 (June 24, 2005)				
Source	MPP				
Citations					
Date of Response	8/2/2006				
NOTICE: The policy expressed on this web page is based on the unique set of facts presented and should not be presumed to apply to all other situations.					
Background	NO BACKGROUND SUBMITTED				
Question	Is a CalWORKs Maximum Family Grant (MFG) child's receipt of child support from the Local Child Support Agency (LCSA) considered income in the FSP?				
State Response	For MFG households, a child's receipt of child support from the LCSA is considered unearned income in the FSP. If the child support payment is received directly from an absent parent and kept by the household, it is also counted as unearned income.				
Categories	Apps/Certs	Income/Resources	HH Concept	Noncitizens	Other
		Deductions – phone, shelter, etc			Reporting Requirements

At the bottom of the page, there is a link "Back to Top of Page" and the text "Search_Detail.aspx". The browser status bar at the bottom shows "Done", "Internet", and "100%".

As shown above an interpretation in this status displays text explaining why the interpretation is no longer current.

No Longer Current Printed Interpretation

An Adobe printout of an interpretation that is no longer current will contain the reason for its change in status. Note the words "**MAKE OBSOLETE**" that appear in the bottom box. This text is the same as the explanation for the status change which appears near the top of the **Search Detail Screen**.

COUNTY REQUEST FOR REGULATION INTERPRETATION	
Subject: INCOME CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS - CLARIFICATION TO ACIN I-34-05, PAGE 6 (June 24, 2005)	Regulation Cite(s):
References: NDP	Date of Response: 8/2/2006
Background: NO BACKGROUND SUBMITTED	
Question: Is a CalWORKs Maximus Family Grant (MFG) child's receipt of child support from the Local Child Support Agency (LCSA) considered income in the FSP?	
State Answer: For MFG households, a child's receipt of child support from the LCSA is considered unearned income in the FSP. If the child support payment is received directly from an absent parent and kept by the household, it is also counted as unearned income.	
⇒ NOTICE: MAKE OBSOLETE The policy expressed in this document is based on the unique set of facts presented and should not be presumed to apply to all other situations.	

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Detail View of A Pending Interpretation

The view below is of an interpretation that is being developed. An interpretation in this status displays the text: **State Answer Is Pending.**

Search Detail - Windows Internet Explorer provided by CDSS
http://www.cdsscounties.ca.gov/fsppolicy/Search_Results.aspx

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YOU ARE LOGGED ON TO THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM POLICY INFORMATION & CONSULTATION SYSTEM
SEARCH DETAIL POLICY INTERPRETATION

Subject	SWORN STATEMENT INSUFFICIENT FOR U VISA VICTIMS ACIN I-41-07				
Source	All County Letter				
Citations ⓘ	06-60; 07-45				
Date of Request	3/20/2008 1:19:00 PM				
	State Answer is Pending				
Background	NO BACKGROUND SUBMITTED				
Question	Is a sworn statement sufficient to establish the status of a victim of other serious crime applying for benefits under the U Visa provisions?				
Submitter's Proposed Response	No. For purposes of aiding an individual under SB 1569, a victim of other serious crime (including domestic abuse) must have been granted a U Visa. (See ACL 06-60 page seven and Federal Guidelines Vol. 72 #179, dated 9/11/07. (7 CFR 214.14)				
Categories	<input type="checkbox"/> Apps/Certs	<input type="checkbox"/> Income/Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> HH Concept	<input type="checkbox"/> Noncitizens	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
	<input type="checkbox"/> Trafficking				

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These interpretations show the initial entry of the interpretation. It is not the FSP's final interpretation of the policy. All fields are subject to change by the FSP staff assigned to the interpretation. You cannot print a Pending Interpretation.

System Maintenance

Occasionally, FSP PICS will be scheduled to go down for maintenance. If you are logged on or are in the process of logging on one of these two warnings will appear.

If a future time has been set for maintenance you will see this message:

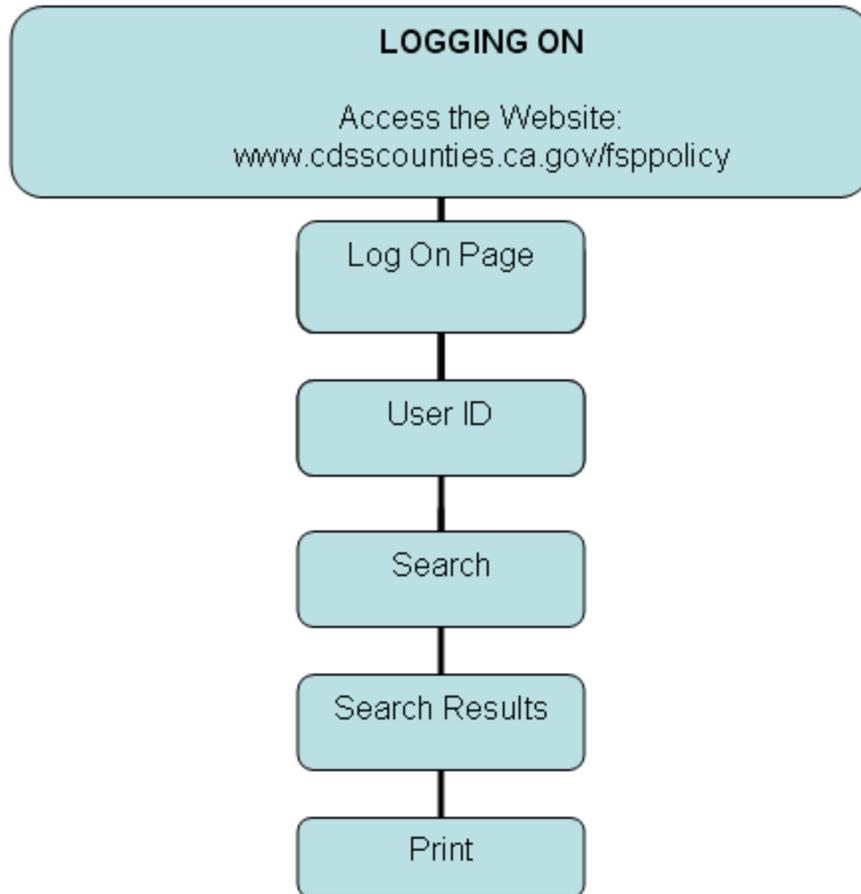


If FSP PICS is already down for maintenance you will see this message:

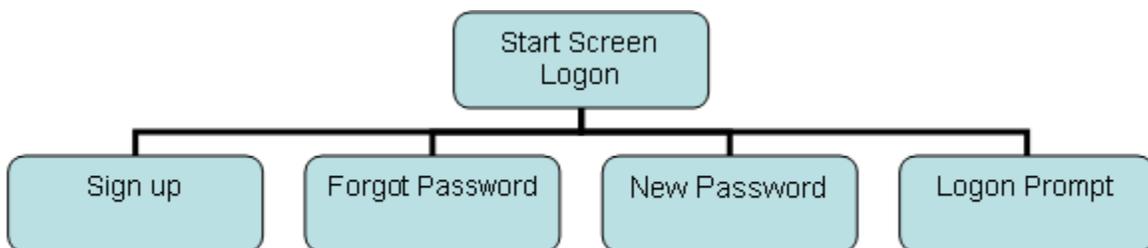


You will not be able to logon while PICS is down.

Overview Chart of PICS



Request for Access to PICS



Error Types

There are four types of errors that you may encounter. Some errors need to be reported to the FSP system administrator.

Validation Errors

Validation errors are part of the application and help guide your entry of data into FSP PICS. Some examples are listed below. These should not be reported.

- **Please enter your last name.**
- **Please enter your first name.**
- **Please enter a phone number in "(999) 999-9999" format.**
- **The "email" field cannot be blank.**
- **The "email" must be a valid email address.**
- **The "Password" field cannot be blank.**
- **The "Confirm Your Password" field cannot be blank.**
- **Please select a county or make another choice.**
- **Please enter an organization name or make another choice.**
- **There is already an account for this email address. If you've forgotten your password, choose the *Forgot your password?* link on the Logon screen.**
- **Password must be at least seven characters long.**
- **Password must be less than 50 characters long.**
- **Password cannot share more than two consecutive characters from the old password.**
- **Password must include three of the four types of letters: upper, lower, numeric and other.**
- **Password cannot share more than two consecutive characters from the old password.**

You are already signed up. Please respond to the email you are being sent to activate your account.

Database Errors

An error screen like the one displayed below is an error related to the database. If you see a screen like this, an email has been sent to CDSS Information System Division, (ISD), letting ISD know that an error has occurred. Please write down what you were doing, make a screen print of the error screen and email it to the FSP PICS Administrator. ISD may need to contact you regarding this error.

Run Time Error
The application was unable to complete the requested action.
An email has been sent to the system administrator detailing the error.
Before continuing to use this application, please contact Alice Bauman at Alice.Bauman@dss.ca.gov or (916) 322-0670 to determine if the error has been resolved.

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History Update

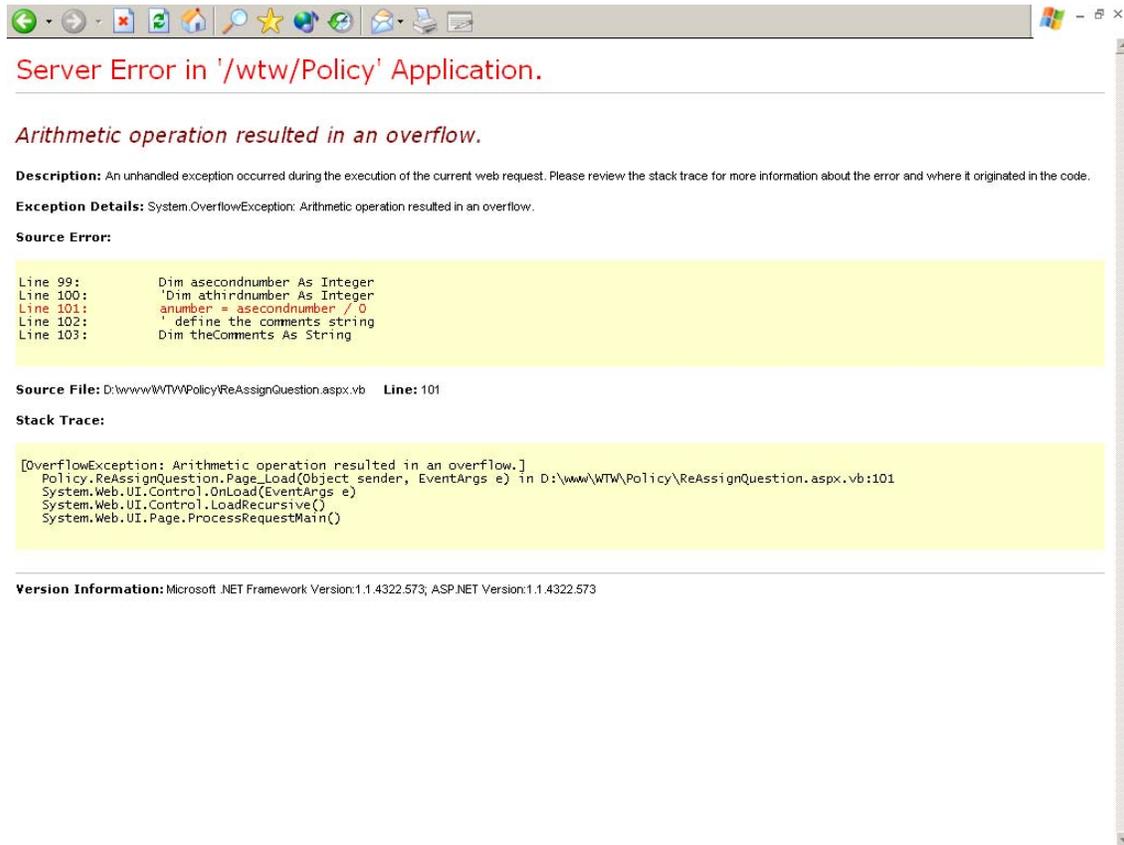
You are logged on to THE POLICY INFORMATION & CONSULTATION SYSTEM as abauman@dss.ca.gov
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Subject	In-Kind Income										
Source	All County Letter										
Citations ⓘ	44-111.422 (a)										
Date of Response	9/6/2005										
NOTICE: The policy expressed on this web page is based on the unique set of facts presented and should not be presumed to apply to all other situations.											
Background	Client is receiving Section 8 subsidized housing through HUD called Housing Assistance Program (HAP). She is timed out and has an MFG child and one child on aid. Section 8 housing based her rent on her limited CalWORKs grant. She has no other income and her rent is zero as the unit is a "government housing project". The units are only rented to low income people who qualify for this government aid and San Joaquin County cannot put a value on what the rent would be if she had to pay.										
Question	The County asks if this is Income In Kind as they couldn't find anything that helps in 44-115										
State Response	Because, she is receiving Section 8 housing, it is not considered in-kind income. When the client qualifies for a rent supplement under HUD, the rent supplement payment made by the federal agency, on behalf of the recipient, to the landlord or sponsor is disregarded as income MPP 44-111.422 (a).										
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Application Error

An error screen, like the one below, appears if there is a programming error or if your application has been idle for too long. Please make a screen print of it or print it and submit it to your FSP system administrator. Include a detail description of what you were doing.



Logic Error

The last type of error does not produce an error screen. It is a logic error. You know that this type of error has occurred when you get unpredictable results. If this type of error occurs please record what you were doing; what you expected to happen; and what actually happened. Give as much detail as possible. Email this to your FSP system administrator.