

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-37-90

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: UPCOMING FORMS REVISIONS: FOOD STAMP APPLICATION FORMS - DFA 285-A1
AND DFA 285-A2

This letter provides County Welfare Departments (CWDs) with information concerning proposed revisions to the Application for Food Stamps-Part 1 (DFA 285-A1) and the Application for Food Stamps-Part 2 (DFA 285-A2). CWDs are advised to monitor stock levels when ordering or reproducing current stock as explained below.

DFA 285-A1

Revision of the DFA 285-A1 (7/90) is on a fast-track with the implementation instructions expected to be released in an All County Letter by the first week in July. The DFA 285-A1 has an implementation date to coincide with the availability of State produced stock, which is expected to be October 1, 1990. However, CWDs may implement earlier if locally reproduced stock is obtained.

Major changes to the form are as follows:

- inclusion of a revised format to meet the civil rights regulations concerning Asian and Pacific Islander ethnic groups;
- reformatting to fulfill Federal requirements for the Hunger Prevention Act and, to the extent possible, to parallel the SAWS 1 format;
- deletion of the room and board question (current item 6);
- the inclusion of applicant information on the back of the form;
- amending the County Use Only Section relating to the review of Section B for Expedited Service processing.

State produced stock of the English language version of the 7/88 revision is nearly depleted. CWDs that need to locally reproduce stock during the transition period may obtain a camera-ready copy of the 7/88 revision from Nancy Ward by calling (916) 322-8738 or ATSS 492-8738. We anticipate that there will be sufficient stock of the DFA 285-A1(SP) (7/88) until stock of the DFA 285-A1 (7/90) is available.

DFA 285-A2

Revision of the DFA 285-A2 is planned for later this year with an expected implementation for June 1991. Currently we plan to follow the JA 2 format, with an attached coversheet with applicant/recipient information, including rights and responsibilities.

State produced stock of the DFA 285-A2 (2/87), which is in short supply, is expected to be depleted by June 1, 1990. Since additional stock is not expected to be available until the middle of August, CWDs should assess their stock levels accordingly. CWDs may obtain a camera-ready copy of the 2/87 revision from Nancy Ward by calling the telephone numbers listed above. However, CWDs have the option of using JA 2 stock in lieu of locally reproducing the DFA 285-A2. At this time stock of the English language JA 2 is expected to be received in the Department of Social Services Warehouse by June 22, 1990.

If you have any questions or comments about this letter, you may contact Ms. Elizabeth Allred, Food Stamp Forms Coordinator, at (916) 323-4954 or ATSS 473-4954. Suggestions for the pending revision of the DFA 285-A2 may also be directed to Ms. Allred at the AFDC and Food Stamp Policy Implementation Bureau, 744 P Street, Mail Station 16-31, Sacramento, California 95814.



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