

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO.
I-52-95

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL	
<input type="checkbox"/>	State Law Change
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Federal Law or Regulation Change
<input type="checkbox"/>	Court Order or Settlement Agreement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Initiated by CDSS

SUBJECT: Revisions Of Forms: DFA 285B, Food Stamp Budget Worksheet (Rev.9/95); DFA 285C, Application for Special Medical Deductions(Rev.9/95); DFA 285D, Food Stamp Budget Worksheet--Special Medical/Shelter Deductions (Rev.9/95); DFA 377.5, Food Stamp Household Change Report(Rev.10/95)

REFERENCE: ALL COUNTY LETTER # 94-67, ALL COUNTY LETTER # 95-49, ALL COUNTY LETTER # 95-57

This notice transmits copies of the revised forms DFA 285B, DFA 285C, DFA 285D, and DFA 377.5. The forms reflect changes from several regulation packages, including the dependent care deduction portion of the Mickey Leland package, the changes in reporting of child support paid by the household, the changes in reporting of medical expense deductions for households with elderly or disabled members, and changes which will be implemented with the first phase of the SB 35 Compatibility regulations. The SB 35 changes will be made in the near future and you will receive further written instructions when they are to be implemented.

The specific changes for each form are outlined below:

DFA 285B, Food Stamp Budget Worksheet

Section G, Dependent Care

A second line was added to this section, so that separate lines for children under the age of two, children over the age of two/or all others, and the total dependent care amount could be given.

Section H, Child Support Paid Out

This section was added to reflect the new regulations which became effective October 1, 1995.

Sections I-K were relettered.

Part 4--Section L, Motor Vehicles

The additional exclusion of a vehicle, when it is used to transport the primary source of fuel for heating or water for home use, is reflected in the exclusions listed.

The vehicle section has been revised and reformatted to reflect the changes which will be made as part of the implementation of SB 35 Compatibility, Phase 1. Counties will be sent implementation instructions under separate cover at a future date.

The amount excluded when computing the value of the vehicle, which used to be \$4550 and is now \$4600, fluctuates. Therefore, the amount has been left blank and the worker should enter the correct amount when computing the vehicle value.

Section M was relettered.

Section N, Self-Employment Expenses

The anticipated changes in the allowed expenses, which will be implemented by SB 35 Compatibility Phase 1, are given on line 2. The implementation instructions will be sent under separate cover at a future date.

Section O was relettered.

DFA 285C Food Stamp Application for Special Medical Deductions

Part 2

The format of the entire section was changed. The last column is now checked yes if a non-household source is responsible for payment of the expense. Additionally, item (g.) was reworded regarding service animals, with examples of what service animals are given. The examples are not meant to limit the scope of service animals.

Under the penalty warning section, the maximum fines and/or sentences in jail has been updated to \$250,000 and 20 years.

DFA 285D Food Stamp Budget Worksheet--Special Medical/Shelter Deductions

Section D, Excess Medical Expenses

Lines 1 and 2 have been reworded and now include averaged expenses in each of the two categories.

Section E, Standard/Dependent Care Deduction/Medical Deductions

See changes for DFA 285B, section G.

Section F, Child Support Deduction

This section was added to reflect the new regulations which became effective October 1, 1995.

See changes for DFA 285B, section H.

Sections G through I have been relettered.

Part 4--Section K, Motor Vehicles

See DFA 285B, Part 4, section L.

Part 5--Section M, Self-Employment

See DFA 285B, Part 5, section N.

DFA 377.5 Food Stamp Household Change Report

The entire section for question number 4 was reworded to be consistent with the Medical Deduction changes effective November 1, 1995.

Question number 7 was added for the household to report payment of Child Support by a household member or changes in the amount of child support paid by a household member.

Questions 8 and 9 were renumbered.

Certification Section

The information regarding the maximum fines and jail sentences that can be imposed for fraud has been updated to \$250,000 and 20 years.

STOCK

The California Department of Social Services' (CDSS) warehouse will no longer stock the previous versions of these forms and all old stock will be destroyed. Counties should also destroy any supplies they may have of older versions of the forms and begin using the new versions when the forms are available from the warehouse. CWDs may order stock from the warehouse according to the normal procedures contained in the County Forms Catalog. CWDs which wish to print their own forms may obtain camera-ready copies of these forms by contacting the CDSS Forms Management Unit at (916) 657-1907 or CALNET 437-1907.


TRANSLATIONS

Counties that need a camera-ready copy of the forms DFA 285C and DFA 377.5 should call:

For English and Spanish: the Forms Management Bureau at (916) 657-1907 or CALNET 437-1984.

For the Asian language versions (Chinese, Cambodian, and Vietnamese): the Language Services Bureau at (916) 654-1305 and CALNET 464-1305. These translations will be forwarded to the County Forms Coordinator when they are available.

If you have any questions regarding the forms changes, please call Melissa Buchanan of the Food Stamp Program Bureau at (916) 654-8567.


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Attachments

c: CWDA