

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-08-98

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

REASON FOR TRANSMITTAL

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

SUBJECT: REVISED FOOD STAMP FORMS -- DFA 285-A3, "IMPORTANT FACTS FOR THE FOOD STAMP APPLICANTS", AND FS 9, "FOOD STAMPS IMPORTANT INFORMATION"

REFERENCE: ALL COUNTY LETTER # 97-41
 ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE # I-21-96
 ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE # I-05-97

This letter transmits copies of the newly revised DFA 285-A3 (11/97), "Important Information for Food Stamp Applicants" (see Attachment I) and the FS 9 (11/97), "Food Stamps Important Information" (see Attachment II). These forms have been revised to reflect changes due to the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) of 1996, Phase II, effective September 1, 1997. The DFA 285-A3 was last revised in 12/96 and the FS 9 was last revised in 3/96. The specific changes to the forms are listed in Attachment III.

CAMERA-READY COPIES AND TRANSLATIONS

Counties should call the Forms Management Bureau at (916)657-1907 or CALNET 437-1907 for camera-ready copies of either form in any language. However, counties that have provided Language Services Bureau with a county contact and the specific languages needed in their county (choices of Spanish, Chinese, Cambodian, Vietnamese and Russian) will automatically be sent those languages as soon as the forms have been translated and are ready for distribution. The Spanish and other language versions are expected to be available in about four to six weeks after the English version.

NOTE: The Food Stamp Program Bureau provided Language Services with a listing of County Food Stamp Coordinators in June of 1997. If any changes have occurred in a county since that time, or if a county wishes to advise Language Services of their specific needs, call Language Services at (916) 657-3429 or CALNET 437-3429.


STOCK

The forms may be ordered from the California Department of Social Services warehouse according to the forms ordering procedures in the County Forms Catalog, upon receipt of the Notice of Change Form (GEN 127), which is issued when stock is available. Counties need to begin using the new stock as soon as it is available and cease using any prior versions. The warehouse will no longer stock the 12/96 version of the DFA 285-A3, and there is very limited stock of the 3/96 version of the FS 9 in the warehouse and it is expected to be exhausted by the time the revised form is printed.

CONTACTS

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact the following staff regard the specific programs areas:

- Implementation ACL: Policy Implementation Unit, Food Stamp Program Bureau, at (916) 654-1896.
- Food Stamp Forms: Donna Morgan at (916) 654-5709 or CALNET 464-5709.
- Spanish/Asian/Russian translations: Shirley LuKung at (916) 654-1277 or CALNET at 464-1277.


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Attachments