

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-48-98

**REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL**

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

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: ANNUAL FOOD STAMP PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS BY ETHNIC GROUP REPORT (DFA 358F AND DFA 358S)

This is to remind all counties of the annual requirement to submit the Food Stamp Program Participants by Ethnic Group (DFA 358) report, as called for by Public Law 88.352. This law requires states to provide an ethnic and racial breakdown of the households that participated in the Food Stamp Program.

The DFA 358 report collects data on those households that participated in the Food Stamp Program for the month of July each year. Data collected on this report will contain July 1998 data and is not a duplication of data requested via the Annual Recipient Report on AFDC, Social Services, Nonassistance Food Stamps, GAIN, and RCA Ethnic Origin and Primary Language (ABCD 350).

To accommodate the new federal requirement to report the DFA 358 data categorized by "federal" and "state-only" households, the DFA 358 has been discontinued and replaced by two forms: the DFA 358F and the DFA 358S. Report households composed of federal-only and combined federal/state members on the DFA 358F and report households composed of state-only members on the DFA 358S. Copies of both forms are attached. All County Letter 97-50, dated September 3, 1997, on page 5, under STATISTICAL REPORTING, informed counties of the need to categorize households by federal and state status for reporting purposes.

The completed DFA 358F and DFA 358S must be received in the Data Operations Branch by September 10, 1998, in order for California to meet Federal reporting dates. Combined data reported on the DFA 358F and 358S should correspond to data reported on the Participation and Issuance Report (DFA 256) for July 1998. Completed reports may be submitted by FAX to (916) 322-9254 or sent to:

California Department of Social Services  
Data Operations Branch  
Reports Unit M.S. 19-81  
P.O. Box 944243  
Sacramento, CA 94244-2430

If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Ginger Simpson, at (916) 323-7536 or Calnet 8-473-7536. Questions concerning the Food Stamp Program requirements should be directed to your Food Stamp Program Operations analyst at (916) 654-1896 or Calnet 8-464-1896.

***Original Document Signed By  
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Attachments

c: CWDA