DEPARTMENT OF BENEFIT PAYMENTS

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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 77-45 (Program Support)

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: REVISED FOOD STAMP PROGRAM MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT (FORM DFA 296) REFERENCE:

The DFA 296, "Food Stamp Program Monthly Statistical Report," has been revised. Attached are copies of the revised form and instructions.

Major changes to the reporting format are (1) deletion of the PA and NA columns from Part A., <u>Applications for Food Stamps</u>, and Part C., <u>Subsequent Certification Processing</u> (formerly Part D.); (2) elimination of carrying NAFS cases one additional month in the caseload when the household fails to appear for subsequent certification; (3) GR/GA cases will be reported as NAFS, eliminating the requirement to footnote Items 4 and 8 with the number of such cases; and (4) including reasons for denial of applications and special information items from Form DFA 434, "Monthly Statistical Report on Food Stamp Denials and Special Information," which eliminates the requirement for that report.

The department has expedited the release of this revision in order to allow all counties adequate time to implement the changes in reporting format and instructions. This revision becomes effective January 1, 1978 and all counties will report using the revised form and instructions for the month of January, which is due to DBP on or before February 20th. Effective with the January 1978 report month, Form DFA 434 is discontinued.

The Food Stamp Manual and Statistical Reports Manual are being modified to incorporate these changes.

Any questions regarding this report should be directed to the Program Information Bureau at (916) 322-2230.

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Deputy Director

Attachments

GEN 654 (2/75) cc: CWDA