

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 98-54

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
ALL COUNTY FISCAL OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY FOOD STAMP COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: REPORTING REVISIONS FOR THE CALIFORNIA FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CFAP)

REFERENCE: ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-52-97, dated August 19, 1997
ALL COUNTY LETTER 97-50, dated September 3, 1997
ALL COUNTY LETTER 97-77, dated December 11, 1997
ALL COUNTY LETTER 97-84, dated December 31, 1997
ALL COUNTY LETTER 98-13, dated March 3, 1998

Several All County Letters have been issued in regard to the CFAP, which was implemented in California on September 1, 1997. All County Letter No. 98-13 informed counties of the need to use a new budget methodology to calculate the actual federal and actual state food stamp coupon value beginning March 1998. As a result of this change, the Food Stamp Program Participation and Coupon Issuance Report (DFA 256) was revised. A copy of the revised form is enclosed with this letter.

In addition, guidance was received from the Department of Agriculture - Food and Nutrition Service for reporting food stamp overissuances on the Fraud Investigation Activity Report (DPA 266) and the Status of Claims Against Households Report (FNS 209). The instructions for reporting food stamp overissuances are enclosed as Attachment I and Attachment II, respectively.

Effective with the March 1998 DFA 256 report, counties are to report actual federal and actual state food stamps issued during the month. If your county will not be able to report the actual federal and actual state food stamp coupon value on the March 1998 report, contact Virginia Uchida at (916) 445-6731 as soon as possible and provide her with an estimate of when the reports will be available.

If you have questions regarding the forms or instructions forwarded with this letter, please contact:

FORM

Food Stamp Program Participation
and Coupon Issuance Report (DFA 256)

Status of Claims Against Households (FNS-209)

Fraud Investigation Activity Report (DPA 266)

CONTACT

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If you have general CFAP questions, contact Alan Rowe of the Food Stamp Bureau at (916) 653-5208, or for Fraud Program questions, contact Rick Tibbetts at (916) 323-5674.



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Attachments

c: CWDA