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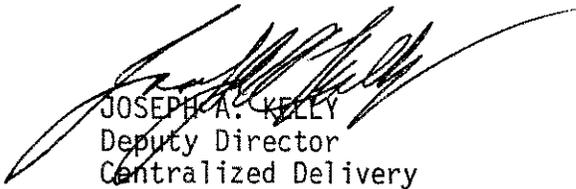
TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
FAMILY SERVICES DIVISION CHIEFS  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS  
DISTRICT ATTORNEYS  
COUNTY DATA PROCESSING MANAGERS  
CHAIRPERSON, COUNTY BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS

SUBJECT: FEASIBILITY STUDY REPORT - SPAN BULLETIN #5

The attached informational bulletin is the fifth of a series of updates on the status of the Statewide Public Assistance Network (SPAN). This bulletin covers key activities in the release of the Feasibility Study Report, which will be released at the end of January 1981.

Should you wish to discuss any aspects of the SPAN concept, please contact me at (916) 322-7443.

Sincerely,

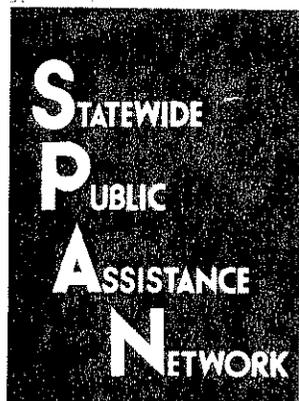


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## A Project to Centralize the Delivery of Public Assistance Benefits in California

# BULLETIN

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The CDS Division is nearing completion of the next major product of the SPAN project effort, the Feasibility Study Report (FSR) by January 31, 1981. This report is a comprehensive document that provides the recommendation and decision base for the complete SPAN system. Due to the critical and decisive nature of the FSR, this bulletin is intended to provide you with information pertaining to the content, structure and review of the FSR.

### Feasibility Study Report (FSR)

The FSR will be comprised of two primary documents, and a series of supplements. The first part (FSR Part I) 400 - 600 pages will address the following:

- Background information on the SPAN Project that will include a brief history of project development. Further, this section will also include a brief description of analysis of the current welfare systems environment and a brief description of the goals, objectives, and opportunities presented by SPAN. The focus is to provide an overview perspective rather than an indepth discussion of the aforementioned areas.
- The recommended approach for applications to be utilized within SPAN.
- The rationale for the selected approach or recommended alternative.
- A complete description of the system requirements synthesized from a review of prior reports, and input from state program and county staff. In addition, a delineation of the practical, program and operational objectives that are to be met by the SPAN system.
- A description of the evaluation and selection process used to develop a recommendation for the applications.

- A description of the application alternatives that will support Income Maintenance, Medi-Cal, Food Stamp, Social Services, and Child Support programs. As used in the FSR, applications refers to or involves the computer programs that will actually process data to support the management and operation of the programs.
- A description of the significant features within the capacity of the SPAN system; i.e., automated budget computation, notices of action, etc.

Included in the second part (FSR Part II) 1000 to 1400 pages is the detailed methodology to be utilized to achieve the production of the alternative recommended. This part of the FSR will address the following:

- Any legislative, administrative or regulatory changes that may be required as a result of the recommended SPAN alternative.
- Specifications to describe the functions to be performed within the system as well as specifications that deal with the computer equipment and network facilities that will be used to support the system.
- A description of the system configuration; including the application programs, computer hardware, communications network, and data base. Further, within this section a development plan will be described as well as a cost benefit analysis.
- A general conversion and implementation plan will be presented to indicate the sequence of events that will lead to full implementation of the system.

As mentioned earlier, there will be supplemental reports to the FSR. These supplemental reports will take the more general levels provided in sections of FSR Part I and Part II dealing with fiscal and implementation and detail these areas on a county by county basis.

In addition, there may be two additional FSR supplemental reports produced. One would document recommendations made as a result of county, state, federal and consumer groups' review of FSR Part I and Part II. Recommendations could result if there is faulty analysis within the FSR or if areas are omitted that should have been addressed in the FSR. The other would report the evaluation of the pilot county experience with SPAN and may recommend modifications of the system design if any are found necessary due to hard and practical experiences of operational testing.

The FSR schedule and other implementing dates are as follows:

<u>Element</u>	<u>Content</u>	<u>Date Occurs</u>	<u>Sent to</u>
Advance Copy FSR Part I (very rough-not finished product)	Alternatives Selected	12/20/80	Welfare Director FS Director State Program Manager & Support Agencies
FSR Parts I & II (finished copy)	Recommended SPAN system	1/31/81	CAO, Welfare Director, D.A., FS Director, County Auditor, Treasurer, EDP Director, State Program Manager & Support Agencies (DOF, LAO, HHS, USDA)

<u>Element</u>	<u>Content</u>	<u>Date Occurs</u>	<u>Sent to</u>
FSR Workshop Northern CA	One-day workshop 8:00 am - 5:00 pm	2/19/81	<u>Redding</u> Redding Civic Auditorium 700 Auditorium Drive
Central CA	One-day workshop 8:00 am - 5:00 pm	2/17/81	<u>Sacramento</u> Water Resources Agency Auditorium 1416 Ninth Street
Southern CA	One-day workshop 8:00 am - 5:00 pm	2/24/81	<u>Los Angeles</u> State Office Building Room 1138 107 S. Broadway
County Response to FSR & Workshops	Reactions to FSR	3/27/81	Joe Kelly, Deputy Director Centralized Delivery System State Department of Social Services 744 P Street (MS 17-22) Sacramento, CA 95814
Supplemental Report I	SPAN Fiscal Impact County by County	5/1/81	CAO, Welfare Director, D.A., FS Director, County Auditor, Treasurer, EDP Director, State Program Manager & Support Agencies (DOF, LAO, DHHS, USDA)
Supplemental Report II (if needed)	Response to reactions	5/30/81	"
Supplemental Report III	Implementation Plan by County	6/30/81	"
Supplemental Report IV	Pilot County Evaluation Report	11/30/82	"

We believe the above schedule will provide for an opportunity to fully evaluate the results of the interactive and cooperative development of the SPAN system. We will also send out notices to counties a month prior to the Regional Workshops, that will indicate an agenda and which counties should attend which workshop location.