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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 75-193

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: FOOD STAMP PROGRAM - GR/GA REPORTING/DUAL ISSUANCE/ADVICE OF SHIPMENT/
CORRECTION TO ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 75-152/BANK DRAFT DEPOSITORIES
REFERENCE:

The purpose of this letter is to provide clarification regarding the program areas mentioned above.

GR/GA

Some confusion may have resulted regarding All-County Letter Number 75-78 which states that, for accounting purposes, counties may charge time spent certifying all General Relief recipients for food stamps to the Nonassistance Food Stamp Program. All-County Letter Number 75-78 does not, however, change the requirement that counties must continue to classify GR/GA programs as either PA or NA for food stamp eligibility determination and reporting purposes.

Dual Issuance

FNS, Western Region has requested that all counties which issued (or had agents which issued) both old and new series coupons in any month (beginning March 1) notify them immediately either in writing (550 Kearny Street, Room 400, San Francisco 94108) or by phone (415-556-6656; ask for Corann Pipgraf or Mike Wimer). They need to know the affected reporting points and their respective months of dual issuance in order to resolve the large number of FNS-250 reporting errors which may be attributable to the dual issuance of old and new stamps in the same month. It is essential that these errors be cleared up as soon as possible.

Corrections to All-County Letter 75-152, dated July 23, 1975

The Budget Breakdown on Page 3 should be corrected as follows: Item 2 (10 percent) cannot exceed \$30.00 and should read \$30.00 instead of \$35.40. Subsequently, Item 3 should read \$324.00, Item 4 \$244.00, Item C-8 \$214.00, Item C-9 d) \$64.20, Item C-9 e) \$135.80 and C-10 \$78.20.

Advice of Shipments

It has been brought to our attention that a number of shipping points for coupons are not receiving an Advice of Shipment (Form FNS-261) for each shipment they receive. As you know, for accountability purposes, shipping points are required to attach these forms to the appropriate FNS-250 (or FNS-250.1) report.

At this time, we do not know how widespread this problem is throughout the state. Therefore, we are asking that counties check records for the last two coupon shipments to determine whether or not the Advices of Shipment for these requisitions were received prior to the receipt of the coupons themselves.

If it is determined that Advice of Shipment notification was not received or was received after the coupons themselves were receipted in the county, please notify the Food Stamp Policy Coordination Bureau as soon as possible so that they can work to resolve the problem.

Bank Draft Depositories

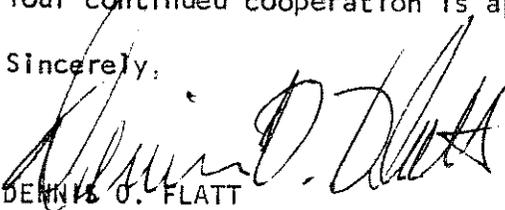
Effective August 1, 1975, the U.S. Treasurer's Department has discontinued all Bank Draft Depository designations. This means that there will no longer be any "Approved Bank Draft Depositories" for food stamp receipts. The impact of this decision is primarily fiscal as it means that previously designated depositories will now charge for converting food coupon receipts to a single negotiable instrument. However, county agencies may continue to make deposits of food coupon receipts using county warrants or other negotiable instruments.

Inquiries and responses regarding these matters should be directed to:

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Your continued cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely,



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