



FOOD STAMP PROGRAM MANUAL TRANSMITTAL NO. 50

TO: OFI District Management, County Department of Family and Children Services, State Office Staff

FROM: Virginia Pryor
DFCS Director

DATE: May 15, 2018

RE: Food Stamp Program Manual Transmittal 50

The purpose of this transmittal is to provide updates to the Food Stamp Program's application processing, computer matches, income and eligibility verification system, dependent care, shelter and EBT sections of the Food Stamp manual. These changes are being made as a result of the Big Rule from Farm Bill 2014.

Additionally, this transmittal provides updates to Form 296 Expedited Food Stamp Screening Tool (English and Spanish).

The policy revisions include:

- Update to provide guidelines on the electronic formats by which a customer can receive a copy of their application.
- Correction to the agency computer system name.
- Updates to the method by which data is exchanged.
- Clarification on allowable dependent care costs.
- Updates to the Heating and Cooling Standard Utility Allowance (H/C SUA).
- Change in the EBT card vendor's name and information.

The Form changes include:

- Form 296 Expedited Food Stamp Screening Tool (English and Spanish).

This transmittal is effective June 1, 2018