

CHANGE NOTICE FOR MANUAL

MANUAL: Food Stamp Certification Manual

CHANGE NO.: 6-2004 **DATE:** December 6, 2004

TO: County Directors of Social Services

EFFECTIVE: January 1, 2005, make the following changes to the Food Stamp Certification Manual.

I. BACKGROUND

The purpose of this change notice is to provide notification that the categories of noncitizens eligible to participate in the Food Stamp Program under the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, have been expanded to include the minor children, spouses, and in some cases the parents and siblings of victims of severe trafficking. This change also includes Quarter of Coverage earnings for years 2004 and 2005.

II. SPECIFIC CHANGES

A. Section 225, United States Citizenship and Alien Status

1. Adds individuals who are eligible to receive food stamps as trafficking victims.
2. Updates the phone number of the Trafficking Victims Verification Line.
3. Updates the Alien Status Reference Chart for Trafficking Victims.
4. Adds Quarter of Coverage earnings for years 2004 and 2005.
5. Updates Sample Certification Letters for Trafficking Victims, Figure 225-16 and Figure 225-17.

III. IMPLEMENTATION INSTRUCTIONS

These changes are effective with each application, change in situation, or recertification taken or processed after January 1, 2005.

IV. INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE FOOD STAMP MANUAL

Remove		Insert	
Section	Pages	Section	Pages
225	3-23	225	3-23
225	Figure 225-16	225	Figure 225-16
225	Figure 225-17	225	Figure 225-17

If you have any questions, please contact your Food Assistance and Energy Programs Representative.

Sincerely,

Jane Schwartz, Chief

Economic Services Section

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Attachments

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