Update 2007-18: Common Place
Food Stamp Restaurant Meals Program

Background
The Food Stamp Restaurant Meals Program enables homeless, disabled and elderly Food Stamp households to use Food Stamp benefits in order to purchase prepared meals at participating restaurants.

Policy
All homeless, disabled or elderly Food Stamp households are entitled to participate in the Food Stamp Restaurant Meals Program, whether or not they choose to use their Food Stamp benefits to purchase meals at the participating restaurants. All homeless, disabled or elderly Food Stamp households must be coded accordingly.

[Refer to “Food Stamp Restaurant Meals Program,” page 33-44 in the Common Place Handbook.]

Eligibility criteria
In order for the household to be eligible for the Food Stamp Restaurant Meals Program, the household must:

- Be homeless,
- Contain at least one Food Stamp eligible household member who is elderly (60 or over), or
- Contain at least one Food Stamp eligible household member who is considered disabled, per Food Stamp regulations.

[Refer to “Homeless Households,” page 25-1 and “Elderly or Disabled [63-102(e)(i)],” page 28-1 in the Food Stamp Handbook for detailed policy information.]
At the time of implementation, eight (8) restaurants have signed agreements with the Social Services Agency to accept Food Stamp benefits. Our Agency continues to provide information and outreach to other potential participating restaurants. The following is a list of the current participating restaurants and locations:

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<td>Subway #645</td>
<td>1803 E. Capitol Expwy San Jose, CA 95121</td>
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<td>Subway #3691</td>
<td>2386 Senter Rd. San Jose, CA 95112</td>
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<td>Subway #11142</td>
<td>2002 Alum Rock San Jose, CA 95116</td>
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<td>2200 Eastridge Loop #9204 San Jose, CA 95122</td>
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<td>22 N. White Rd. Ste. 20 San Jose, CA 95127</td>
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<td>15850 Monterey Hwy Morgan Hill, CA 95037</td>
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The Restaurant Meals Program is anticipated to be implemented in Santa Clara County by the end of December 2007.

Effective immediately, all new homeless, disabled or elderly Food Stamp households must also be coded accordingly, at the time of approval (i.e. Intake) or change (i.e. RRR, client turns 60, etc.) and notified of their eligibility to the Food Stamp Restaurant Meals program with the SC 207. [Refer to “SC 207,” page -4 in this Update.]

Eligible Food Stamp households must have their EBT card coded in order for them to be able to purchase prepared meals from participating restaurants with their Food Stamp benefits.
CalWIN

All homeless, disabled or elderly households must have a Y entered in the **Referred for Restaurant Meals [Y/N]** field in CalWIN. This code will interface with their EBT account and allow the clients to use their Food Stamp benefits to purchase prepared meals at participating restaurants.

### Loss of Eligibility

Once the household no longer meets the eligibility criteria (i.e. the household is no longer homeless) for the Food Stamp Restaurant Meals program the Y must be removed from the **Referred for Restaurant Meals [Y/N]** field.

**Note:**

Once the Y is removed, the household will no longer be eligible effective the following day.

### Listing Review

The listing “PROG 1192- Active Food Stamp Households who are HOMELESS or DISABLED or ELDERLY” will be provided to SSPM via Business Objects on 12/13/07. This listing contains potentially eligible Food Stamp households. The cases on the listing must be reviewed to ensure they meet the eligibility criteria (homeless, disabled or elderly) and the appropriate data changes must be entered by 01/03/08. [Refer to “CalWIN... page -3 in this Update for information on the entries needed in CalWIN for households eligible for the Food Stamp Restaurant Meals Program.]

### Not Eligible

Cases on the list that are not eligible for the Food Stamp Restaurant Meals Program, must be coded with an N in the **Referred for Restaurant Meals [Y/N]** field.
An informational notice poster of the “Food Stamp Restaurant Meals Program, for the Elderly, Disabled or Homeless” (SC 207) will be sent to all District Offices. This poster must be posted in the lobby by December 31, 2008.

The SC 207 is also available online in the Forms section of the intranet.

[Refer to the Attached]

Documentation

Documentation must be entered into the Maintain Case Comments window in CalWIN when the household is determined to be eligible for the program and when the household is no longer eligible for the program.

Other Programs

This Update only affects the Food Stamp Program.

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Food Stamp Restaurant Meals Program
For the Elderly, Disabled or Homeless

If you are elderly, disabled or homeless, you can use your Food Stamp EBT card to purchase prepared food from restaurants participating in the Food Stamp Restaurant Meals Program. Your Eligibility Worker will determine your eligibility for the program and code your EBT card so that it can be accepted as payment for hot meals at the participating restaurants listed below.

Currently there are 8 Subway Sandwich restaurants participating in the Food Stamp Restaurant meals program. You can use your Food Stamp EBT card to purchase prepared food at the following locations:

- **Subway #645**
  1803 E. Capitol Expwy
  San Jose, CA 95121

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  San Jose, CA 95112

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