

Policy Clarifications - Food Stamp PFS12876506

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We have two questions regarding expedited service for food stamps. 1. FSH 506.1 states the application for benefits includes any form approved by the department and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania application for social services (compass) online electronic application. PFS 12692504 indicates that only a PA 600 or PA 600 FSO is acceptable. Does PFS 12692504 supersede the handbook and will the FSH be updated to link the policy clarification? 2. FSH 506.2 states that notices (PUB 52, Food Stamps Now!) are to be available in the reception area. This information is now page II of the PA 600 and is page 12 of the PA 600 FSO. Pub 52 is not available. Will the handbook be updated or are we to have copies of page II available in the reception area? We realize not everyone will want a PA 600 or a PA 600 FSO.

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1. [PFS 12692504](#) clarifies that the forms approved by the Department are the PA 600, the PA 600 FSO and a COMPASS online application, unless the COMPASS application was submitted for Medicaid only. FNS was contacted and provided guidance for PFS 12692504. FNS clarified that single program applications for other programs (other than the FSO application) are not to be considered FS applications. A COMPASS application requesting Medicaid only is considered a single program application and not a FS application. We are requesting that a link to PFS 12692504 be included at FSH 506.1.
2. The correct publication number for the Food Stamps NOW poster is PUB 52.1. The fact that the information is included on the application forms does not eliminate the requirement that the poster must be displayed. The poster makes the information readily available to everyone who comes into the CAO.
3. We have been advised that the poster may be ordered through the usual forms ordering process. It is not in stock but is printed on demand.

In addition to PUB 521, CAOs are required to display the "And Justice for All" poster. You can view this poster at: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cr/justice.htm>. FNS is sending a quantity of "And Justice for All" posters to Headquarters. Once received, they will be distributed to the CAOs.