

Food and Nutrition Service, USDA

§ 275.23

Form FNS-248, Status of Sample Selection and Completion or other format specified by FNS. This report shall be submitted to FNS so that it is received no later than 105 days after the end of the sample month. Each report shall reflect sampling and review activity for a given sample month.

(d) *Annual results.* The State agency shall annually report the results of all quality control reviews during the review period. For this report, the State agency shall submit the edited results of all QC reviews on the Form FNS-247, Statistical Summary of Sample Distribution or other format specified by FNS. This report shall be submitted to FNS so that it is received no later than 105 days from the end of the annual review period. Every case selected in the active or negative sample must be accounted for and reported to FNS, including cases not subject to review, not completed, and completed.

(e) *Demonstration projects/SSA processing.* The State agency shall identify the monthly status of active and negative demonstration project/SSA processed cases (i.e., those cases described in § 275.11(g)) on the Form FNS-248, described in paragraph (c) of this section. In addition, the State agency shall identify the annual results of such cases on the Form FNS-247, described in paragraph (d) of this section.

[Amdt. 260, 49 FR 6310, Feb. 17, 1984, as amended by Amdt. 262, 49 FR 50598, Dec. 31, 1984; Amdt. 266, 52 FR 3410, Feb. 4, 1987]

§ 275.22 Administrative procedure.

Reports on program performance are intended to provide the State an opportunity to determine compliance with program requirements, identify and resolve emerging problems, and assess the effectiveness of actions that have been taken to correct existing problems. States' reports enable FNS to assess the nationwide status of eligibility and basis of issuance determinations, to ensure State compliance with Federal requirements, to assist States in improving and strengthening their programs, and to develop Federal policies. Reports must be submitted in duplicate to the appropriate FNS Regional Office according to the time frames estab-

lished in §§ 275.20, 275.21, and 275.22 of this part.

[Amdt. 160, 45 FR 15911, Mar. 11, 1980. Redesignated at 52 FR 3410, Feb. 4, 1987]

Subpart G—Program Performance

§ 275.23 Determination of State agency program performance.

(a) FNS shall determine the efficiency and effectiveness of a State's administration of the Food Stamp Program by measuring:

(1) State compliance with the standards contained in the Food Stamp Act, regulations, and the State Plan of Operation; and

(2) State efforts to improve program operations through corrective action.

(b) This determination shall be made based on:

(1) Reports submitted to FNS by the State;

(2) FNS reviews of State agency operations;

(3) State performance reporting systems and corrective action efforts; and

(4) Other available information such as Federal audits and investigations, civil rights reviews, administrative cost data, complaints, and any pending litigation.

(c) *State agency error rates.* FNS shall estimate each State agency's error rates based on the results of quality control review reports submitted in accordance with the requirements outlined in § 275.21. The State agency's active case error, payment error, underissuance error, and negative case error rates shall be estimated as follows:

(1) *Active case error rate.* The active case error rate shall include the proportion of active sample cases which were reported as ineligible or as receiving an incorrect allotment (as described in § 275.12(e)) based upon certification policy as set forth in part 273.

(2) *Payment error rate.* (i) For fiscal years prior to Fiscal Year 1986, the payment error rate shall include the value of the allotments overissued, including overissuances to ineligible cases, for those cases included in the active error rate.

(ii) For Fiscal Year 1986 and subsequent fiscal years, the payment error