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Field Operations Memo 2002-24
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To: Transitional Assistance Office Staff
From:  Cescia Derderian, Assistant Commissioner for Field Operations
Re: Food Stamp Employment and Training Referrals

Overview The Farm Bill of 2002 significantly reduced funding for the Food Stamp Employment and Training Program (FS/ET). As a result, the Department is currently negotiating the terms of a new contract for FS/ET services with DET.

This Field Operations Memo instructs AU Managers to stop making referrals to DET Job Search for nonexempt FS E/T participants and voluntary FS Work Program participants.

Instructions Effective immediately, AU Managers must stop referring nonexempt FS/ET participants and voluntary FS Work Program participants to DET Job Search using either a BEACON-generated referral form or a manual referral form.

Until further notice, all nonexempt FS/ET participants must meet the self-directed job search requirements at 106 CMR 362.310(D).

Additional Information We will give you additional information as it becomes available.

Questions If you have any questions, please have your Hotline designee call the Policy Hotline at 617-348-8478.
