

CHANGE ANNOUNCEMENT

COST SHARING EFFECTIVE DATE: JUNE 5, 2006

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The Cost Sharing chapter in the Program Manual has been revised to;

- a. Incorporate the new process for calculating ranch, farm and business income for the purpose of cost sharing (*see Change Announcement for Calculating Cost Sharing for Ranch/Farm/Business*);
- b. Reflect the policy change that the agency will no longer accept from the consumer cash, check or other financial instrument that represents the consumer's cost sharing amount;
- c. Provide a written Program Manual statement of the requirement that the Expected Completion Date of an original IPE and the original EW IPE must be at least 6 months after the Approval Date in QUEST of the original IPE or original EW IPE;
- d. Reference the fact that the consumer is responsible for any amount in excess of the cost of the agreed to least expensive goods/services that meets the consumer's needs;
- e. Make minor wording changes consistent with recent revisions to the Family Information and Cost Sharing Worksheet.

Changes in the chapter are indicated by a line/bar in the right side margin.

VRIS UPDATE

This chapter is located at VRIS: Program Manual Main Menu: Employment Program: Cost Sharing Chapter.

MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

The change will be monitored through case reviews by office directors, area administrators and program directors as well as fiscal reviews by the administrative specialist.

TEAM COMMUNICATION

Teams should thoroughly review the Cost Sharing Chapter and the Calculating/Non-calculating Cost Sharing for Ranch/Farm/Business worksheets at a team meeting.

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