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Yvonne Lee, Acting Chief
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Dear Ms. Lee,

This provides Food and Nutrition Service approval of the updated California Food Stamp Information Plan for Federal Fiscal Year 2009 submitted on August 6, 2008. We appreciate the continued efforts to increase participation in the California Food Stamp Program (FSP) by adding new Partners and sub-contractors to the California FSP Access Improvement Plan.

We are also pleased to see the expansion of the 211 program for handling public inquiries about the Food Stamp Program. We are approving the pricing methodology for costs related to the 211 calls. Please note that the methodology may need to be adjusted in the future as more information concerning call volumes and patterns is obtained.

We are approving the following amounts in Federal Financial Participation funds to be used to reimburse one-half of allowable food stamp education expenses during the fiscal year. As always, Federal reimbursement is subject to the availability of Federal funds.

Federal Share of Costs	\$3,732,441.00
California Share of Costs	\$3,732,441.00
Total Food Stamp Information Plan Costs	\$7,464,882.00

Please note that effective October 1, 2008 the Food Stamp Program will be referred to as SNAP to reflect the name change of the Program to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

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If you have any questions, please contact Veronica Brown at (415) 705-1361, ext. 313.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis Stewart", written in a cursive style.

for
DENNIS STEWART
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