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The Impact of the BENDEX and SDX Matches on Change Reporting

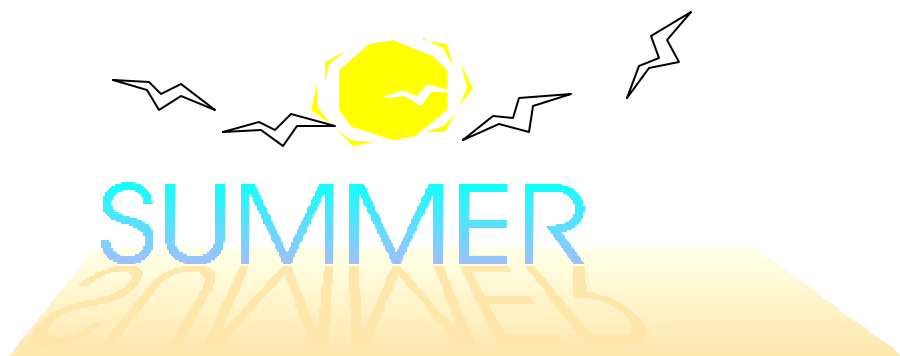
At a recent Program Accuracy meeting, TAO directors raised concern about Department automated computer matches and their impact on various food stamp reporting requirements, particularly the impact of the BENDEX/SDX match on the client's responsibility to report changes in Social Security/SSI income.

AUs subject to Transitional Benefits Alternative (TBA) **are not** required to report any changes during the TBA period. However, the Department has opted to automatically make changes as a result of BENDEX/SDX match information. See 106 CMR 366.110(B).

AUs subject to Universal Semiannual Reporting (USR) are **only** required to report changes that would cause the AU's income to exceed the appropriate gross income limit for their AU size. *If the change is received through the BENDEX/SDX match before the AU reports the change*, BEACON will automatically make the appropriate AU change(s). See *A User's Guide*, pages IV-C-16 through IV-C-19 and 106 CMR 366.110(C).

If the AU is not subject to TBA or USR, it is the responsibility of the AU to report changes in a timely manner unless exempt. These AUs are required to report changes in accordance with 106 CMR 366.110(A). *If the change is received through the BENDEX/SDX match before the AU reports the change*, BEACON will automatically make the appropriate AU change(s).

With the exception of TBA AUs, Quality Control will record a recipient error if the *BENDEX/SDX* match is late or fails to run in a given month **AND** the AU fails to report the same change.



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Changes to Policy Online

This month you will see the following changes to Policy Online:

BA OPTION WINDOW

The BA Option window now displays the following options:

- BENDEX,
- SDX, and
- Timing of Batch Recalculations.

When **BENDEX** is selected, the following options will be displayed:

- Overview (moved from the BENDEX Option window),
- Communications Codes,*
- Payment Status Codes,*
- SSA Claim Number (moved from the BA window),
- State/Territory/Commonwealth/Postal and BENDEX Codes,* and
- Status Codes.*

When **SDX** is selected, the following option will be selected:

- Overview (moved from the BA window), and
- SSI Payment Status Codes.*

*This information was previously documented as appendices in the *FMCS User's Guide*.