

**FPLS Release 03-01 Manifest Minor
Questions & Answers from May 6 & 8 Manifest Calls
and May 28 & June 3 Specification Calls**

FCR #1561 – Add an additional DoD code of “P” for Pension/Retired Personnel

1. **Question:** When this change goes into effect, will states receive the “P” code for pensioners on previously reported participants (i.e., is this change retroactive)?

Answer: No. States will begin seeing the new code of “P” for pension and retired personnel the first quarter that DoD reports the information to the NDNH.

FCR #1131 – Delete the State-Submitted SSN field from the FCR Reconciliation File

2. **Question:** When a state submits a name and SSN that is different from the name and SSN that is verified through SSA’s process, will you notify the state via an error record?

Answer: In the situation described above, a state receives an acknowledgement record (Record Type ‘FS’) with a SSN Validity Code explaining the process used to verify, identify or correct the SSN. In that record, the SSN Field contains the information submitted by the state as the person’s SSN. The Provided/Corrected SSN Field contains the identified or corrected SSN for the person found during the SSN verification routines. The FCR Primary SSN Field contains the SSN stored on the FCR as the person’s primary SSN. The FCR Primary First, Middle and Last Names contain the name of the person stored on the FCR that verified with the Primary SSN.

FCR #1180 – Create default values for specific NDNH data that are invalid

3. **Question:** For those fields that are defined as “filler,” will you notify the states of which fields are being defaulted?

Answer: The defaulted values in a record are returned to states when and if that particular record is matched and returned in an NDNH-to-FCR Proactive Match, an FCR-to-NDNH Proactive Match, or an NDNH Locate. However, the response record does not include an indicator that one or more of the values therein were defaulted.

FCR #1653 – Do not store invalid FIPS County Codes (This is a future enhancement proposed for states’ consideration).

4. **Question:** Does CSENet accept Central Registry FIPS?
Answer: *Yes, a County FIPS that equal '000' is valid for all states, territories and the District of Columbia.*
5. **Question:** How is the FCR going to know the Central Registry address?
Answer: *The FCR will not know the Central Registry address. We do not store addresses on the FCR and the FIPS County Code is an optional field.*
6. **Question:** How is OCSE handling invalid FIPS codes on the FCR now? (State representatives suggest that OCSE provide a list to states so they can correct.)
Answer: *On person transactions or change case transactions, the FIPS County Code must be numeric or spaces. This edit does allow all zeroes in the FIPS County Code. Warning Code TW018 (invalid FIPS County Code) is returned when the field fails the edit.*

On add case transactions, the FIPS County Code must be a valid FIPS County Code for the state. Warning Code TW018 (invalid FIPS County Code) is returned when the field fails the edit. The FCR has every state set up the internal FIPS County Code table with '000' as a valid value. Although the FCR edits the FIPS County Code on add case transactions against the FIPS County Codes for the state, zeroes are allowed.

7. **Question:** How do we get the correct tribal FIPS codes?
Answer: *OCSE will research the tribal FIPS codes and provide this information to each IRG State Administrator.*
8. **Question:** Is the use of the FIPS code positions 6 and 7 being discontinued?
Answer: *OCSE conducted a conference call with states on May 14, 2003 to discuss removing positions 6 and 7 of the FIPS codes from the IRG. The results of the call were as follows:*

In the last release of the IRG application, 20 additional local Child Support Offices address types were added to the county level. The purpose of adding the 20 address types was to enable counties that have more than one office providing the same service to enter addresses for each office, as well as to standardize all address types for the IRG. Currently there are 20 states using the state extension code to identify specific address types within a county. OCSE representatives had suggested that the Local CSE office address types be used for this purpose instead.

During this discussion, a number of Workgroup members indicated that the 6th and 7th digits of the state extension code are currently used to identify county offices. They further indicated that removing the state extension code would require major system programming and therefore have a large impact on states. Most members were opposed to this change. Further decisions will have to take place on this issue.

CSENet # 98 - Case closure modification to update closing reason codes

9. **Question:** When will the existing documentation, such as the CSENet 2000 IGD including the Valid Transactions Table and TFM, be revised to include the case closure modification and available to states?
Answer: August 22, 2003.

General Questions

10. **Question:** How do you make changes to race code for USDA and will there be a change to race code on the FCR?
Answer: We do not store race code on the FCR.
11. **Question:** When will the specifications for FPLS Release 03-01 be available to states?
Answer: The specifications were posted to the OCSE web site May 22, 2003.
12. **Question:** Can states use the FCR test database to test external locate sources?
Answer: No, currently the FCR test database is available to test the NDNH and SVES as locate sources.
13. **Question:** How do states get set up for the FCR test database?
Answer: States should contact their State Technical Support (TS) Liaison who can provide documentation on the set-up procedures. Please refer to the following website for your assigned State TS Liaison at:
<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cse/newhire/contacts/fcrtscontacts.htm>.
14. **Question:** When will the FPLS Manifest enhancements be implemented?
Answer: OCSE's implementation of FPLS Release 03-01 is scheduled for Friday, August 22, 2003.

15. Question: During one of the manifest conference calls, you discussed the unverified SSN match project. Are you looking for volunteer states to participate in this match?

Answer: No