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### Abstract

This report is a followup to a proposal to link the Current Population Survey (CPS) to State Food Stamp Program (FSP) administrative data. A linked CPS-FSP file would create new opportunities to explore dynamic program participation patterns of FSP participants and eligible nonparticipants. The report provides an implementation plan for a linked CPS-FSP file, including potential costs, benefits, and alternatives. The initiative is one of three that have the potential to improve the usefulness and cost-effectiveness of research on Federal food assistance and nutrition programs. The other initiatives are addressed in the reports, *Linking WIC Program Data to Medicaid and Vital Records Data* (E-FAN-04-005-2) and *Establishing a Web-Based Data Collection System for National School Lunch and National School Breakfast Program Data* (E-FAN-04-005-3).

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