

**234.12 Department to provide food programs.**

1. The department of human services is authorized to enter into such agreements with agencies of the federal government as are necessary in order to make available to the people of this state any federal food programs which may, under federal laws and regulations, be implemented in this state. Each such program shall be implemented in every county in the state, or in each county where implementation is permitted by federal laws and regulations.

2. The provisions of the federal Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, Pub. L. No. 104-193, §115, shall not apply to an applicant for or recipient of food stamp benefits in this state. However, the department of human services may apply contingent eligibility requirements as provided under state law and allowed under federal law.

3. Upon request by the department of human services, the department of inspections and appeals shall conduct investigations into possible fraudulent practices, as described in [section 234.13](#), relating to food programs administered by the department of human services.

[C79, 81, §234.12]

[90 Acts, ch 1204, §48](#); [97 Acts, ch 41, §1](#); [2017 Acts, ch 54, §76](#)