

TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 99- 06 (CA)

**TO: All Field Operations Bureau and Performance Sample County
Quality Control and Corrective Action Staff**

SUBJECT/PURPOSE: Internet Vehicle Valuations

RELATED REFERENCE: ACIN I-48-99; M.S. 63-501.511

SUPERSEDES: None

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon Receipt

BACKGROUND:

Food Stamp Manual Section 63-501.511 requires that County Welfare Departments (CWDs) determine the listed wholesale fair market value (FMV) or its equivalent for all nonexempt vehicles as part of the resource eligibility determination for all households. Per the above referenced All-County Information Notice (ACIN), these values may now be obtained using the internet. The only web site that MAY NOT be used is that for the National Automobile Dealers Association (NADA) because it uses retail rather than wholesale valuations.

INSTRUCTIONS:

FOB/PMC QC Staff:

Use any of the web sites listed on the attached page to obtain the wholesale FMV of vehicles owned by the household which are not excluded from the resource eligibility determination. For those sites that require an indication of the vehicle's condition, indicate average. When sites require mileage, either indicate average or, if an actual number is required, base the figure on 12,000 miles per year for the first five years and 10,000 miles per year for each additional year. Do not consider optional equipment, as this is prohibited by State and Federal regulations.

Re-reviewers should check some cases to make sure that the NADA site was not used to determine vehicle valuation(s). If the site was used, return the case to the reviewer for revision(s) and any necessary corrections based upon these changes.

County Corrective Action Staff:

Inform/remind line staff not to use the NADA site in making vehicle valuations. If staff have been using this site, you may want to randomly review by worker, unit, or district office (as appropriate) to reinforce this policy.

COUNTY INQUIRIES: County Program Information Analyst

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Attachments:

Site Name	URL	Adjustments to Price				Sample Wholesale (Trade or Loan Prices)				
		Condition	Mileage	Options	Locality	1991 Ford Taurus	1994 Honda Accord	1992 Toyota Corolla	1989 Chevrolet Cavalier	1990 Dodge Caravan
NADA Blue Book*		No	No	Yes**	No	3050 2750	9050 8150	4350 3925	1550 1400	3275 2950
Car Prices.com	www.carprices.com	No	Yes	Yes	No	3805	8920	5010	2080	5350
Auto Pricing	www.autopricing.com/	Yes	No	Yes	No	2550	9200	4050	1550	1850
Intellichoice	www.intellichoice.com/	No	Yes	Yes	No	3750	10350	4800	1550	4145
Edmund's	www.edmunds.com/web/used/usedcars.html	No	No**	Yes**	No	2870	8615	4445	1400	3390
Kelly Blue Book ***	www.kbb.com/cgi-bin/cgi.exe?kbb+uct+gyr	Yes	Yes	Yes**	Yes	3110	9625	4965	1350	2510

** Both the Kelley Blue Book and the NADA Blue Book include the most commonly selected set of options in the listed base price. Users of the Kelly Blue Book web site may add and/or delete from a list of options. Edmund's provides a formula for adjusting mileage, but does not calculate the adjusted value. Option prices are listed, but must be added manually.

*** Kelley Blue Book Values uses locality-based values rather than a national average. The chart uses the Virginia values.