Mail issuance program for certain recipients; establishment of authorized representative system; monitoring on-line issuance program; recommendations to legislature.

Sec. 19. (1) The family independence agency shall explore the establishment of a mail issuance program for recipients who are disabled, elderly, would have to travel more than 1 hour each way to a food stamp distribution site, or are otherwise unable to travel to a distribution site.

(2) The family independence agency shall assist county family independence agencies in establishing an authorized representative system to assist recipients who are unable to travel to food stamp distribution sites. The family independence agency shall cooperate with local organizations in order to establish such a system.

(3) The family independence agency shall monitor the on-line issuance program to determine if recipients are not receiving food stamps because they are unable to travel to distribution sites. The family independence agency shall make recommendations to the legislature to improve the distribution program and make it more accessible to eligible recipients who are unable to travel to distribution sites.