

## History - Lone Star Image System Program

In 1995, legislation was passed that required the Texas Department of Health Services (DHS) to implement an electronic imaging program to prevent fraud in conjunction with an electronic benefit transfer program (H.B. 1863, 74<sup>th</sup> Legislature, Regular Session, 1995). A pilot program was conducted in 1996 and funding to proceed with statewide implementation of the Lone Star Imaging System (LSIS) was authorized in 1997 by the 75<sup>th</sup> legislature. In 1999, the statewide implementation of LSIS was completed. LSIS was used to improve the integrity of the SNAP and TANF programs through an automated security system whereby electronic finger images and a photograph of each required household member were used to make sure that no one received SNAP or TANF benefits on more than one case. On September 1, 2011, the LSIS and finger imaging requirements were removed as a result of legislation (H.B. 710, 82<sup>nd</sup> Legislature, Regular Session, 2011).