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ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 08-22

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL FOOD STAMP COORDINATORS
ALL CalWORKs PROGRAM SPECIALISTS
ALL CONSORTIUM PROJECT MANAGERS
ALL QUALITY CONTROL SPECIALISTS

SUBJECT: TRANSITIONAL FOOD STAMP (TFS) PROGRAM POLICY CHANGE/
HOUSEHOLD MEMBER IS APPROVED FOR BENEFITS IN ANOTHER
FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

REFERENCE: FOOD STAMP PROGRAM QUALITY CONTROL REVIEW HANDBOOK
FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES HANDBOOK 310 (FNS 310);
SECTION 727.2 ON DUPLICATE PARTICIPATION;
ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE (ACIN) I-18-07; ACIN I-75-05;
7 CFR 273.12(f) (4), AS AMENDED BY THE NONCITIZEN
ELIGIBILITY AND RECERTIFICATION PROVISIONS (NECP) RULE
ON NOVEMBER 21, 2000.

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- State Law Change
- Federal Law or Regulation Change
- Court Order
- Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- Initiated by CDSS

The purpose of this letter is to provide notification about a change in policy for the TFS program in regard to the removal of a household member when the member has been approved for benefits in another food stamp household. This change is effective September 1, 2008. Currently, when a household member leaves a TFS household and is approved for benefits in another food stamp household, the individual is removed from the benefit amount, but the individual's income is not removed for purposes of calculating the TFS benefit for the remaining members. This results in the income being considered in both households.

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has identified this policy as being out of compliance with Section 727.3 of the 310 Quality Control (QC) Handbook and federal regulations for TFS at 7 CFR 272.12(f)(4)(iii). To avoid the potential for QC errors and the negative impact to the TFS household, policy is being changed to require County Welfare Departments (CWDs) to recompute the TFS benefit for the remaining TFS household members by removing the individual from the TFS household along with his/her income, if any.

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Due to the potential for QC errors, counties are also encouraged to implement sooner than September 1, 2008, if possible.

CONTACT NUMBERS

For questions regarding this notice, contact Sharon Campbell of the Food Stamp Policy Implementation Unit via email at sharon.campbell@dss.ca.gov or by calling (916) 654-0737. If you have any questions regarding the QC process/FNS 310, please contact the Field Operations Bureau at (213) 833 2240.

Sincerely,

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