

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
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ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 87-16

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: FOOD STAMP DEPENDENT CARE DEDUCTION

This is to advise you that effective December 1, 1986, federal law was enacted which provides for a maximum allowable dependent care deduction of \$160 for all households incurring allowable dependent care expenses. This change represents an increase in this deduction from \$147 to \$160 for households which contain an elderly or disabled member, as defined in M.S. Section 63-102(e), and fully eliminates the annual adjustment to the dependent care deduction, which will now remain at \$160 until changed by federal law.

Handbook material to reflect this change in Section 63-1101.23 is currently being processed and will be released separately.

Following are instructions on how the CWD's must implement this change for all affected elderly or disabled households:

1. For continuing cases or new applications, eligibility and benefits must be determined using the \$160 dependent care deduction by no later than the March 1987 allotment.
2. Restoration of lost benefits for any household that received fewer benefits than it was entitled to since December 1, 1986, must be restored in accordance with M.S. Section 63-802.
3. The application of the dependent care deduction remains the same in so far as a household may receive a deduction for its allowable dependent care expenses, as specified in M.S. Section 63-502.34, up to the \$160 maximum.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Food Stamp Policy Implementation Unit (916) 322-5330.


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