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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO I-72-08

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
DISASTER FOOD STAMP PROGRAM
COORDINATORS
FOOD STAMP PROGRAM COORDINATORS
ALL CONSORTIA PROJECT MANAGERS
ALL COUNTY EBT PROJECT MANAGERS

SUBJECT: REVISED DISASTER FOOD STAMP PROGRAM (DFSP) GUIDE AND
REVISED DFSP INCOME STANDARDS AND ALLOTMENTS EFFECTIVE
OCTOBER 1, 2008

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

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

This letter is to inform counties that the United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has revised the Disaster Guide as of April 2008 and has also issued a newly-revised Income Eligibility Standards and Allotments Guide effective October 1, 2008. The revised Disaster Guide provides a significant amount of new and revised information regarding disaster preparation and response. The guide can be accessed at:

http://www.fns.usda.gov/disasters/response/D-SNAP_Handbook/guide.htm

This letter transmits the revised Income Eligibility Standards and Allotments Guide. As of October 1, 2008, the shelter expense deduction will increase from \$431 to \$446 for new applications and re-certifications occurring on or after the above date. As a result of the increase in the shelter expense deduction, the disaster gross income limit, which includes income and liquid resources, will also increase. County staff can update their Disaster Food Stamp Handbooks by obtaining the current income and eligibility standards at:

http://www.fns.usda.gov/disasters/response/D-SNAP_Handbook/2009-income_standards.pdf

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Shanee Clark of the Food Stamp Branch at (916) 653-7973.

Sincerely,

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