POLICY ALERT

Date: September 22, 2009
Reference: # CSFP 2009-06
To: Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) Contractors
Subject: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Increases to Unemployment Compensation Payments
Effective Date: Immediately

Purpose

REPLACE CSFP Handbook Item 4212.2, Determining Household Income

Implementation

Immediately

Background

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) authorizes a temporary Federal Additional Compensation program that provides a $25 per week increase in unemployment compensation for eligible workers. This increase is countable income for CSFP purposes.

Procedure

Replace Item 4212.2, Determining Household Income, with the following:

When determining household income, you must calculate the total gross income of all household members before deductions.

NOTE: Total net household income is not valid when determining income eligibility.

The following items are considered valid forms of proof of income:

• Pay stub for the previous month
• Medicaid card
• Copy of SSI check or award letter
• Supplemental Nutrition Assistance program (SNAP), formerly Food Stamps, award letter (however, SNAP benefits are not considered income)

NOTE: To convert to annual income: multiply weekly income by 52; every two weeks by 26; twice a month by 24; and monthly income by 12.

NOTE: The ARRA Federal Additional Compensation program increase in unemployment compensation for eligible workers is countable income.

This Policy Remains in Effect Until Further Notice
The following items are excluded from consideration as income for households and children when determining program eligibility:

- Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance
- National Flood Insurance Program payments
- Medicare Prescription Drug Card subsidy
- Rebate checks resulting from the economic stimulus act

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