POLICY NOTICE

Date: June 5, 2001   Reference #: CACFP DCH 2001-12
To: Child and Adult Care Food Program-Day Care Home (CACFP-DCH) Contractors
Subject: Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowances (FSSA)

This Notice is being sent to you regarding the receipt of Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance (FSSA) payments.

The Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2001 (Public Law 106-398) requires the Department of Defense (DOD) to pay certain low income service members and their families a FSSA payment of up to $500 a month so that the families will not have to rely on food stamps. DOD began making FSSA payments to eligible service members in May, 2001. The FSSA payments are being reported on service members’ earnings statements along with their regular earnings.

Service members may be receiving both food stamps and FSSA payments at the same time. If these FSSA payments cause an applicant to be ineligible for food stamps, the applicant is not categorically eligible for the CACFP and must complete a Form 1531, Form 1531-H, and/or Form 1531-P. FSSA payments are considered income to the household and applicants should include FSSA payments in the total gross income reported for their households on the Form 1531, Form 1531-H, and/or Form 1531-P.

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