DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES 744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

ERRATA

September 21, 2006

- TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS ALL FOOD STAMP COORDINATORS ALL CalWORKS PROGRAM SPECIALISTS
- SUBJECT: CORRECTION TO ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE (ACIN) NO. I-52-06, DATED JULY 21, 2006, FOOD STAMP QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (Q&As)

The purpose of this errata is to transmit a correction to page 5 of ACIN I-52-06, dated July 21, 2006, regarding the answer to the question about "Budgeting - Shelter Deductions."

The correct response to the question "Budgeting – Shelter Deductions" is as follows:

Scenario: There is a mom and 2 undocumented noncitizen children, 1 citizen child (receiving CalWORKs and Food Stamps) and mom's boyfriend, also an undocumented noncitizen. The boyfriend is employed. Everyone purchases and prepares together. There is a sworn statement on file that the boyfriend pays half of the rent and the rest is paid with the CalWORKs grant.

Question: Should the shelter cost be determined based on MPP 63-503.422(c)(3) which states that the known portion of the shelter cost paid by an excluded household member is deducted from the total expense and the remainder is allowed as a deduction for the Food Stamp household?

Answer: No. According to MPP 63-502.373(b) "If the food stamp household members who are ineligible noncitizens...pay part or all of the deductible expenses, the expenses will be prorated among all members and only the eligible members' share is counted as the deduction. Refer to MPP 63-502.375 for instructions on how to prorate."

If you have any questions, please contact Joyce Brewer at (916)654-3366 or via e-mail at: <u>Joyce.Brewer@dss.ca.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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