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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE 1-05 -02	<ul> <li>[ ] State Law Change</li> <li>[ ] Federal Law or Regulation Change</li> <li>[ ] Court Order or Settlement Agreement</li> <li>[ ] Clarification Requested by One</li> <li>or More Counties</li> <li>[X] Initiated by CDSS</li> </ul>

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS ALL FOOD STAMP COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: TREATMENT OF HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION DURING

MILITARY DEPLOYMENT

REFERENCE: USDA Food and Nutrition Service Administrative Notice 01-63, Dated

09-21-01, MPP 63-402.21; MPP 63-503.45

The purpose of this notice is to provide information on the handling of various types of situations that may confront county and state agencies due to the call-up of reservists in response to the terrorist attacks.

The treatment of an absent household member remains unchanged. As usual, when it is clear that the absent family member is not living at home and is now living with his or her military unit, he or she would not be considered a part of his or her family's household for food stamp purposes. Any cash payments, income and/or resources from the non-household member made available to the household is still considered income and resources under the normal standards as provided in section MPP 63-503.45.

There will be situations where a family with an absent military person(s) will have unusual living arrangements in order to cope with the financial issues caused by the deployment. Example of some of these unusual living arrangements are children living part-time with different families, adults moving in with parents, and households sharing living quarters, etc. These cases will need to be looked at individually to ensure individuals participate in only one household. Specific guidelines cannot be given for each unique situation.

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Sincerely,

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