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for households of one to four persons. The standard deduction for five persons is increased to \$147. The standard deduction for a household of six or more persons is increased to \$168 monthly. The homeless household shelter allowance remains at \$143 monthly.

The shelter deduction is increased to \$367 monthly. The standard utility allowance remains at \$206 monthly.

Also attached are charts for net and gross monthly income standards and maximum food stamp allotments for household sizes one to eight. The maximum food stamp allotment is increased by \$105 for each household member above eight persons. A table of allotments based on household income is also attached.

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**Item 02-10-01C**

**ACL 02-56 July 25, 2002 (Synopsis): *Yarbrough v. Saenz***

A settlement was reached in *Yarbrough v. Saenz* (Ventura County Superior Court, Case No. CIV 196979). Per the terms of the settlement, counties must cease considering Supplemental Security Income (SSI) as unearned income for children receiving Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program benefits.

The CDSS and counties were also required to advise AAP families that they must report to the Social Security Administration any AAP benefits they receive on behalf of an adopted child. The adoption agency should advise adoptive parents that the Social Security Administration might deduct AAP from the SSI grant.

Effective February 1, 2002, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) began offsetting Social Security Administration payments to collect claims for unpaid federal taxes. For food stamp purposes, the income that is intercepted by the IRS is treated as income.

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**Item 02-10-01B**

**ACL 02-55 July 22, 2002 (Synopsis): Food Stamp Budgeting Policy Changes**

**Reference:** 7 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 273.9(b)(2), (d)(6)

There are two policy changes in the food stamp program discussed in this ACL.

Effective October 1, 2002, counties are not required to prorate the standard utility allowance (SUA) if a person who is an excluded household member shares utility expenses. The full SUA is allowed. For example, if an ineligible noncitizen mother with