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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO: I-73-09

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL FOOD STAMP COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: INCOME VERIFICATION REGARDING THE CHILD AND ADULT
CARE FOOD PROGRAM [7 C.F.R. § 226.6(f) (1)]

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- State Law Change
- Federal Law or Regulation Change
- Court Order
- Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- Initiated by CDSS

The purpose of this notice is to provide information regarding the verification of income for Food Stamp (FS) households that receive reimbursement under the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). To verify eligibility under the CACFP, federal regulations require state Food Stamp Program (FSP) agencies to review the self-employment income of family home day care providers that receive CACFP funds in conjunction with food stamp benefits.

The CACFP reimburses sponsoring organizations for eligible meals served by their family home day care providers. Reimbursement is made at two levels: a higher rate, or “Tier I,” and a lower rate, or “Tier II.” Providers are categorically eligible for Tier I reimbursement if their household participates in the FSP. To ensure eligibility at the Tier I rate, CACFP regulations require self-employment income received by day care providers to be reviewed to ensure proper reporting (See Division 63 Sections 500 and 503). To enable this review, state CACFP agencies, such as the California Department of Education, annually collect a list of providers receiving CACFP Tier I benefits on the basis of their participation in the FSP, and provide the list to the state FSP agency.

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) has received the list. In the interest of confidentiality, the county-specific list of family day care home providers, including the FSP case number, will be sent to the appropriate counties under separate cover. These food stamp households will need verification of reported self-employment income. Please be aware that not all counties will be on the list; only those counties with eligible providers receiving CACFP Tier I benefits.

The county must, at a minimum, review the case at the next recertification to ensure that the household has correctly reported its self-employment income. If you have any questions, please contact Tracy Ahlenstorf, Food Stamp Policy Development Unit, at (916) 657-3283 or Tracy.Ahlenstorf@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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