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October 30, 2009

ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO I-75-09

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
DISASTER FOOD STAMP COORDINATORS  
FOOD STAMP PROGRAM COORDINATORS  
ALL CONSORTIA PROJECT MANAGERS  
ALL COUNTY EBT PROJECT MANAGERS

SUBJECT: REVISED DISASTER FOOD STAMP PROGRAM (DFSP)  
INCOME ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS AND ALLOTMENT GUIDE  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

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

This letter is to inform counties that the United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has revised the Income Eligibility Standards and Allotments Guide. Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), the maximum and minimum allotments for each area remain unchanged from Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2009.

As of October 1, 2009, the shelter expense deduction increased from \$446 to \$459 for new applications and re-certifications occurring on or after the above date. As a result of the increase in the shelter expense deduction, the disaster gross income limit, which includes income and liquid resources, will also increase. County staff will need to update their Disaster Food Stamp Handbooks by obtaining the current income and eligibility standards at:

[http://www.fns.usda.gov/disasters/response/D-SNAP\\_Handbook/FY2010-income\\_standards.pdf](http://www.fns.usda.gov/disasters/response/D-SNAP_Handbook/FY2010-income_standards.pdf)

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Shanee Clark of the Food Stamp Branch at (916) 653-7973.

Sincerely,

**Original Document Signed By:**

CHRISTINE WEBB-CURTIS, Chief  
Food Stamp Branch