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OFFICE OF FAMILY INDEPENDENCE MANUAL TRANSMITTAL 2005-18
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TO: County Department of Family and Children Services
OFI Regional Managers
OFI Program Specialists
OFI State Operations Staff

FROM: Mary Dean Harvey, Division Director

RE: Updates to the Food Stamp Program Manual

PURPOSE

This manual transmittal incorporates into the current policy updates in the Food Stamp Program's income limits, allotments, and the excess shelter cap effective October 1, 2005.

DISCUSSION

This manual transmittal contains the following updates:

Section 3613 – Standard Deductions, has changed to the following amounts:

- AU size 1-4 - \$134
- AU size 5 - \$157
- AU size 6 or greater - \$179

Section 3617 – Shelter and Utility Deductions, has been updated to reflect the increase in the excess shelter maximum cap to \$400.

Appendix B – Initial Hearings, has been updated to increase the time period for allowing an AU's to request a continuation of benefits pending a fair hearing.

Appendix A – Financial Standards

Effective October 1, 2005, the eligibility income limits, monthly maximum allotment amounts, standard deductions and the excess shelter maximum cap increased. A copy of the Food Stamp allotment tables reflecting the updated monthly allotment amounts has been added to Appendix A. A local copy of the previous allotment table (October 2004 through September 2005) should be retained on file for claims and restoration reference.

The increases in the allotments and limits were updated in SUCCESS for all actions effective October 1, 2005. All active cases were automatically updated in SUCCESS during the mass modification change that occurred on September 10, 2005 to September 11, 2005.

Appendix F, Forms Section, Form 339 ENG/SP, was updated to reflect the change in the income limits for simplified reporting requirements.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MANUAL MAINTENANCE

- Remove Section 3613, Standard Deduction, and replace with revised section.
- Remove Section 3617, Shelter and Utility Deduction, and replace with revised section.
- Remove Appendix A, Financial Standards, and replace with revised section.
- Remove Appendix B, Initial Hearings, and replace with revised section.
- Remove Form 339 ENG/SP, Simplified Reporting Requirement (SRR) Notice, and replace with revised form.

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