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FOOD STAMP PROGRAM MANUAL TRANSMITTAL NO. 45

TO: Regional Directors, County Department of Family and Children Services,
OFI District Management, State Office Staff

FROM: Bobby D. Cagle
DFCS Director

DATE: September 30, 2016

RE: Food Stamp Program Manual Transmittal 45

The purpose of this transmittal is to provide policy updates to the Food Stamp Program income limits, standard deductions, excess shelter deduction, and maximum and minimum allotments based on the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) cost of living adjustments (COLA) for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2017. The Food Stamp Program's COLA changes are effective October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017.

This transmittal also provides updates to the standard utility allowances and ABAWD certification periods.

The policy revisions include:

- Recent updates to the Food Stamp Program COLA changes effective October 1, 2016.
- The most current Basis of Issuance (BOI) Tables for FFY 2017 (October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017).
- Changes to the excess shelter deduction from \$504 to \$517.
- Changes to the heating and cooling standard utility allowance (H/C SUA) from \$350 to \$391.
- Changes to the limited standard utility allowance (LSUA) from \$301 to \$340.
- Changes to the time-limited ABAWDS' certification period from a 4-month certification period to a 6-month certification.
- Revisions to Form 296 (Rev. 09/16) English/Spanish; Form 339 (Rev. 09/16) English/Spanish; Form 830SP (Rev. 09/16).

This transmittal is effective October 1, 2016.