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SUBJECT: Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) and The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP): Temporary Extension of the 2009 Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Income Guidelines and Impact on Income Eligibility Determinations

TO: Regional Directors
Special Nutrition Programs
MARO, MPRO, MWRO,
NERO, SERO, and SWRO

Regional Director
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State Directors
CSFP and TEFAP State Agencies
All Participating States

On January 22, 2010, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) published a Notice in the Federal Register, at 75 FR 3734, extending the 2009 HHS Poverty Guidelines until at least March 1, 2010. Because CSFP Income Guidelines are based upon HHS Poverty Guidelines, the CSFP Revised Income Guidelines for 2009 are likewise extended, until issuance of revised CSFP income guidelines by the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS).

This information should also be provided to State agencies which administer TEFAP because, although not required, some States choose to update their household income eligibility standards using figures in the HHS Poverty Guidelines, or the Child Nutrition Programs Income Eligibility Guidelines, which are based upon the HHS Poverty Guidelines. It should be noted that TEFAP State agencies may not require organizations which provide food assistance in the form of prepared meals to subject recipients to a means test.

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