

## **NOTICE TO FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES RECIPIENTS**

Effective January 2008, there will be a 2.3% increase in Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments. In addition, the Medicare Part B premium will increase to \$96.40. This may affect your Food and Nutrition Services benefits effective February 2008.

### **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO REPORT THESE CHANGES TO YOUR CASEWORKER.**

These changes may cause a change in the amount of your Food and Nutrition Services benefits. If you have any questions about these changes, contact your local food office.

You have the right to request a fair hearing if you do not believe your benefits were determined correctly when these changes were made.

### **HOW TO GET A HEARING**

You have the right to a fair hearing of your case if you do not agree with our decision. You can request a fair hearing by letting your local Food and Nutrition Services office or county Department of Social Services know of your request. You may request the hearing in person, by telephone, or in writing. The hearing may be requested by any member of your Food and Nutrition Services unit or by your representative, including an attorney obtained at your own expense. Free legal advice may be available. Contact your nearest Legal Services Office. For more information, you may call the CareLine at 1-800-662-7030.

You have 90 calendar days from the date this notice was mailed to ask for a hearing. Unless you ask for a hearing by this date, you cannot have one.