

## **CHANGE IN FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES REGULATIONS REGARDING TREATMENT OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

On November 6, 2009 President Obama signed the Worker, Homeownership, and Business Assistance Act of 2009. This act requires the exclusion of the \$25 supplemental weekly Unemployment Compensation payment authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) in calculating Food and Nutrition Services benefits.

### **HOW THIS MAY AFFECT YOU**

If your Food and Nutrition benefits were denied effective November 2009 due to excess income AND you were receiving unemployment benefits you may be eligible for restoration of these benefits. This does not affect you if your benefits were denied for months prior to November 2009. This does not affect you if you were denied for any other reason.

### **WHAT YOU SHOULD DO**

Contact the local DSS agency to request that your benefits be re-calculated to determine if you are eligible for benefits.