

## **CHANGE NOTICE FOR MANUAL**

**MANUAL:** Food Stamp Certification Manual

**CHANGE NO.:** 7-2002 **Date:** March 28, 2002

**TO:** County Directors of Social Services

**EFFECTIVE April 1, 2002,** make the following changes to the Food Stamp Certification Manual.

### **I. BACKGROUND**

The purpose of this change notice is to provide clarification to policy regarding fleeing felons and to bankruptcy procedures and review requests for the Treasury Offset Program. All clarified policy reflects updated interpretations from the United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service.

### **II. SPECIFIC CHANGES**

#### **A. Section 210, Household Concept**

Section 210.07, C., Ineligible as a Fleeing Felon or Probation/Parole Violator, clarifies that individuals are not considered fleeing felons until it is verified that they had knowledge of an existing warrant for arrest.

#### **B. Section 805, Requirements for Establishing Recipient Claims**

Section 805.08, I., Households with Fleeing Felons, is being added to provide clarification of when a claim exists.

#### **C. Section 850, Treasury Offset Program**

1. Section 850.03, D. clarifies that a claim with multiple debtors cannot be selected for the Treasury Offset Program if one of the debtors has been prosecuted and is abiding by the court order.

2. Section 850.04, B., 4. is revised to include additional guidelines for conducting a local review.

3. Section 850.06, Bankruptcy, is revised to include additional information regarding bankruptcy notification and refund policy for debtors under a bankruptcy stay at the time the offset occurs.

4. Section 850.08 clarifies that untimely review requests received after the 60-day notice period must be conducted.

5. Section 850.09 is being added to include a new exemption code to be used during Stage B (60-day notice period).

### III. IMPLEMENTATION INSTRUCTIONS

These changes are effective April 1, 2002. Claims established prior to receipt of the clarified fleeing felon policy are not affected.

### IV. INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE FOOD STAMP MANUAL

REMOVE		INSERT	
Section	Pages	Section	Pages
210	5-8	210	5-8
805	7	805	7
850	1-9	850	1-9
	Figure 850-2		Figure 850-2
	Figure 850-3		Figure 850-3

If you have questions, please contact your Program Integrity Representative.

Sincerely,

Wilbert R. Morris, Chief

Economic Independence Section

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Attachments

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