November 25, 2008


Dear County Director of Social Services:

Attention: Food and Nutrition Services Supervisors

Food and Nutrition Services recipients will receive notification in January 2009 of the upcoming Social Security (SSA)/Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) mass change that is effective February 1, 2009. This change will increase the Social Security (SSA) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits by 5.8% effective January 1, 2009. The Medicare Part B premium will remain $96.40. Laser-printed notices will be mailed to Food and Nutrition Services recipients affected by this change during the month of January 2009. Spanish notices will be mailed to households that have indicated Spanish as their preferred language.

If you have any questions concerning this information, please contact your Food and Nutrition Services & Energy Programs Representative.

Sincerely,

Dean Simpson, Chief
Economic and Family Services

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