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TO: Commissioners of
 Social Services

DIVISION: Economic
 Security

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SUBJECT: Restaurant Allowances When Three Meals Are Provided

SUGGESTED

DISTRIBUTION: Directors of Income Maintenance
 Public Assistance Staff
 Food Stamp Staff
 Staff Development Coordinators

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FILING REFERENCES

Previous ADMs/INFs	Releases Cancelled	Dept. Regs.	Soc. Serv. Law & Other Legal Ref.	Manual Ref.	Misc. Ref.
		352.7(c)		PASB XV-K-Z XV-L XXV-C FSSB V-D-1	

This release will inform districts of a recent amendment to Department regulations which clarifies Department policy on the provision of restaurant allowances.

Prior to this recent amendment, Department regulation 352.7(c) directed districts to provide for the additional costs of meals provided to persons unable to prepare meals at home. It was Department policy that if meals were being provided in the place in which the person was residing (congregate care, shelter, etc.), a person was not eligible to receive a restaurant allowance. However, this policy was not clearly specified in the regulation.

As a result of the amendment, the regulation is now clear that if a person is receiving meals in his or her place of residence, there is no eligibility for restaurant allowance for the meal(s) being provided.

Food stamp rules for eligibility of residents are unchanged.

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