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TRANSMITTAL: 94 INF-23

TO: Commissioners of  
 Social Services

DIVISION: Economic  
 Security

DATE: May 16, 1994

SUBJECT: Food Stamps: Deduction for Recurring Medical  
 Expenses

SUGGESTED

DISTRIBUTION: Food Stamp Directors  
 Income Maintenance Directors  
 CAP Coordinators  
 Staff Development Coordinators

CONTACT PERSON: Food Stamp Liaison 1-800-342-3715, extension 4-9225

ATTACHMENTS: None

FILING REFERENCES

| Previous<br>ADMs/INFs | Releases<br>Cancelled | Dept. Regs. | Soc. Serv.<br>Law & Other<br>Legal Ref. | Manual Ref. | Misc. Ref. |
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|                       |                       | 387.12      | 7 CFR                                   | FSSB        |            |
|                       |                       | 387.14      | 273.9(d)(3)                             | XI-C-3-all  |            |

This is to remind districts of Food Stamp policy for using reasonable estimates in determining the medical assistance deduction.

Households eligible for the excess medical deduction must be allowed at certification to give a reasonable estimate of the medical expenses they expect to incur during the course of the certification period. This includes changes that can be reasonably anticipated based on available information about the member's medical condition, public or private medical insurance coverage, and the current verified medical expenses incurred by the member. Households that give such an estimate must not be required to further report or verify any changes in medical expenses that they had anticipated occurring during the certification period.

Medical expense changes that the household did not anticipate must be reported if more than \$25.00 than what was expected for that month, except if the household is under quarterly reporting rules.

Further details regarding medical expense deductions and verification requirements for eligible households are specified in FSSB XI-C-3.

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