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Office: Office of Budget,  
Finance and Data  
Management

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Food and Nutrition Service's Final Rule Setting a Two-Year  
Limit on Submission of Claims

ATTACHMENTS: None

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) of the Federal Department of Agriculture has issued a final rule (7CFR Section 277.11(d)(2)) that establishes a two-year time limitation on the submission of claims. This final rule was published in the Federal Register, Vol. 65, No. 101, dated May 24, 2000.

The rule requires a State agency to file a claim for reimbursement with FNS for Food Stamp expenditures within two years after the calendar quarter in which the costs were originally incurred.

This action brings Food Stamp claims into alignment with the long-standing requirement for all other Federal claims under the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to be submitted within two years.

To meet this deadline, as with other Federal claims, our office must receive the local district's claims within twenty-two months after the end of the quarter in which the expenditures were made to be included in the Quarterly Expenditure Report (QER) and be eligible for Federal reimbursement. For example, claims for expenditures incurred during the October-December 1999 quarter must be submitted by October 31, 2001.

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This release is effective with the QER submission for July-September 2000. This means costs incurred during the July-September 1998 quarter must be submitted to this office by July 31, 2000.

If you have any questions of a fiscal nature, please contact Roland Levie (Regions I through IV) at 1-800-343-8859, extension 4-7549 or directly at 518-474-7549 (User ID #FMS001), or Marvin Gold (Region V) at (212) 383-1733 (User ID #0FM270).

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