#### **FYI**

# A Healthy Breakfast Helps Kids Do Better in School - Recipient Mailing

The notice shown below was developed by Project Bread. It is being mailed to all active TAFDC, EAEDC and FS recipients with a dependent child. The mailing is scheduled for the first cycle in October. The purpose of the mailing is to promote awareness of the school breakfasts available to children in families receiving cash assistance and/or food stamp benefits.

#### A Healthy Breakfast Helps Kids Do Better in School

If your family is receiving TAFDC and/or food stamp benefits, all your children are eligible for the School Breakfast Program for free.

For information about:

- · Free School Breakfast Program
- Food Stamp Benefits
- · Free and Low-Cost Food Resources

Call Project Bread's FoodSource Hotline I-800-645-8333

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## **Child Care for TAFDC Recipients**

Effective immediately, the Office of Child Care Services (OCCS) is suspending the collection of child care fees for TAFDC recipients. The sliding fee scale has been suspended for active TAFDC recipients only. All other persons, including former TAFDC recipients, who are incomeligible remain subject to the sliding fee scale.

In addition, the Child Care Resource and Referral agencies will accept authorizations for TAFDC recipients for full-time child care in accordance with DTA regulations and procedures. AU Managers should refer to Field Operations Memo 97-27 for definitions of full-time and part-time child care.

# Food Stamp Program - 10/1/2000 Cost-Of-Living Increases

FS, SSFSP State Letter 1194 Field Operations Memo 2000-27

State Letter 1194 and Field Operations Memo 2000-27 implement the following cost-of-living changes in the Food Stamp Program effective 10/1/2000.

#### Maximum Benefit Allotments -

The maximum benefit allotment levels for all assistance unit sizes have increased.

Gross, Net, and 165 Percent Income Eligibility Standards -

The Gross, Net, and 165 Percent Income Eligibility Standards have increased.

Shelter Deductions - The Shelter Deduction increases to \$300.

Standard Utility Allowances - The heating standard utility allowance increases to \$349. The nonheating standard utility allowance increases to \$211. The telephone standard utility allowance increases to \$25.

**Standard Deduction** - The Standard Deduction remains at \$134.

Vehicle Fair Market Value Limit
- The Vehicle Fair Market Value
Limit remains at \$4,650.

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