

## **FYI**

### **Authorization for Reimbursement of EAEDC from Retroactive SSI Payment**

To become or remain eligible for EAEDC, anyone 65 or older, or anyone with a physical and/or mental impairment expected to last a year or more must sign a new AP-SSI-1 form at application and at each eligibility review. Since this form is valid for only one year, it is imperative that a new form be signed at least once per year. The AP-SSI-1 form authorizes reimbursement to the Department for EAEDC benefits received pending the SSI approval. The Department will receive the individual's SSI retroactive check, deduct any EAEDC benefits and forward the balance, if any, to the individual.

A copy of each AP-SSI-1 must remain in the AU record. Do not replace the previous signed form with the newly signed form. Retaining all AP-SSI-1 forms will ensure proper reimbursement if an SSI application is filed and approved.

If an SSI application is denied, be sure to have another AP-SSI-1 signed; the previous one is no longer valid once a decision has been reached. It must, however, remain in the AU record.

The Recovery Unit will request AP-SSI-1 forms, as needed, from the appropriate Transitional Assistance Offices. Copies of the form should be faxed back to the Recovery Unit within two days. Without a copy of the AP-SSI-1 form in the Recovery Unit's file, no recovery can be made.

If an SSI application is approved, the individual is ineligible for EAEDC.

For more detailed information, refer to 106 CMR 702.710(B).



### **Food Stamp Program - 10/1/2001 Cost-of-Living Increases**

FS, SSFSP  
State Letter 1209  
Field Operations Memo  
2001-34

State Letter 1209 and Field Operations Memo 2001-34 implement the following cost-of-living changes in the Food Stamp Program effective 10/1/2001.

**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 \$354.

**Standard Utility Allowances** - The heating standard utility allowance increases to \$391. The nonheating standard utility allowance increases to \$237. The telephone standard utility allowance increases to \$28.

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

**Homeless Shelter/Utility Deduction** - The Homeless Shelter/Utility Deduction remains at \$143.