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## **MEMORANDUM**

DATE: 9/1/2006

TO: Summer Food Service Program Sponsors

FROM: Mary Kershaw, Assistant Director, CACFP and SFSP

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SUBJECT: U.S. Armed Forces Family Supplemental Subsistence Allowance- Permanently

Excluded from Income Consideration for the Child Nutrition Programs

PROGRAM: SFSP

Public Law 109-163 (January 6, 2006) made the Department of Defense's Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance (FSSA) permanently available. Therefore, the exclusion of the FSSA as income for Child Nutrition programs is also permanent.

The FSSA is designed to bring a household's income up to 130% of the Federal poverty line and decrease the reliance on Food Stamps for affected members and their families. The amount of FSSA, based on household size and income, may not exceed \$500 per month. Previously, for purposes of Child Nutrition Programs (CNP) eligibility determination, The FSSA payment were counted as earned income for households. Fiscal Year 2005 Public Law 108-375, Congress specified that in the event that counting the FSSA income would put a family over the CNP income limits, the family must be considered for benefits.

In accordance with Public Law 108-375, any FSSA that a household receives must not be treated as income in determining eligibility for free and reduced price meals under any of the CNPs.

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