TO: DIRECTORS, LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES
   DEPUTY/ASSISTANT DIRECTORS FOR FAMILY INVESTMENT
   FAMILY INVESTMENT SUPERVISORS AND ELIGIBILITY STAFF

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RE: HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION – CHILD AGE 17 OR YOUNGER LIVING
   WITH SOMEONE OTHER THAN A PARENT

PROGRAM AFFECTED: FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

ORIGINATING OFFICE: OFFICE OF POLICY, RESEARCH AND SYSTEMS

SUMMARY

Final Food Stamp Program regulations published October 30, 2000 included a definition
of parental control. This will help with determining whether a child age 17 or younger is
under the parental control of someone other than a parent.

POLICY REMINDER

A child (other than a foster child) age 17 or younger living with and under the parental
control of someone other than a parent must be included in the household, even if they do
not customarily purchase and prepare food together.

NEW DEFINITION

A child is under “parental control” if he or she is financially or otherwise dependent on a
member of the household.

INQUIRIES

Please direct questions to Kay Finegan at 410-767-7939.

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