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**FAMILY INVESTMENT ADMINISTRATION
INFORMATION MEMO**

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

FROM: KEVIN M. MCGUIRE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**RE: NO CHANGE IN UTILITY ALLOWANCES OR TELEPHONE
ALLOWANCE**

PROGRAM AFFECTED: FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM (FSP)

ORIGINATING OFFICE: OFFICE OF PROGRAMS

SUMMARY:

Although the most recent Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Baltimore/Washington area reflects a decrease in fuel costs, the standard and limited utility allowances will not change for the 2010 calendar year. The telephone allowance will remain the same as well.

REMINDERS:

- The Standard Utility Allowance (SUA) is \$414 per month.
- The Limited Utility Allowance (LUA) is \$250 per month.
- The telephone allowance is \$37.

Actual utility expenses are used **only** when a household is billed for just one utility, which does not include heating or cooling, and does not have a telephone expense. All other households are to receive the appropriate SUA or LUA or the telephone allowance. Households with heating or cooling expenses can receive no more than the SUA. Do not enter actual billed amounts for heating or cooling on CARES even if the amount is higher than the SUA. (Section 214.4 in the Food Supplement Program Manual)

INQUIRIES:

Please direct FSP policy questions to Rick McClendon at 410-767-7307.

cc: FIA Management Staff
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