TO: DIRECTORS, LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES
            DEPUTY/ASSISTANT DIRECTORS FOR FAMILY INVESTMENT
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RE: EXCLUDED INCOME

PROGRAM AFFECTED: FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

ORIGINATING OFFICE: OFFICE OF POLICY AND RESEARCH

BACKGROUND

IMA Action Transmittal OPA 95-38 (revised), dated April 3, 1995, informed local departments of the income exclusion for payments received under the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993 (NCSTA). This Information Memo provides clarification of the income exclusions under the Summer Youth Employment and Training Program of the Job Training and Partnership Act (JTPA) and comparable summer youth employment and training programs under AmeriCorps.

PAYMENTS RECEIVED UNDER THE SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAM OF JTPA

Exclude on-the-job payments received under this program as income when determining eligibility for the Food Stamp Program. **Note:** Count as income on-the-job payments to persons age nineteen or older, or under age nineteen but not under parental control who are in year-round programs. Continue to exclude as income on-the-job payments to dependents age nineteen or younger who are in year-round programs.

PAYMENTS RECEIVED UNDER THE AMERICORPS PROGRAM

Exclude as income payments received under any summer youth employment and training program under AmeriCorps when determining eligibility for the Food Stamp Program.

Customers may not be aware of this income exclusion. When a household member participates in one of these programs, you may need information from the customer or the employer to determine whether the payment is an excluded allowance or countable earnings.

Please direct questions to Steve Sturgill at (410) 767-7733.

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