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Topic: Food Benefits

Subject: Foster Care and Food Stamps

**Applies to (check all that apply):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees                        | <input type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging        | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services                                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Children, Adults and Families | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seniors and People with Disabilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County DD Program Managers               | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):                         |

**Message:** Regarding SS-AR-08-001 – Caretaker Relatives Now Eligible for Foster Care. The message said to take appropriate action on an open FS case. This memo outlines the actions to take for FS.

If the family is converting from the Caretaker Relative TANF to Foster Care (FC), workers need to ask the new FC provider if they want to include the FC child in their FS filing group or exclude the FC child. This choice is critical and must be narrated.

The provider's choice governs the next actions:

- Chooses to include the FC child in the filing group – the FC child remains coded as CH and the new FC income is coded as FCP on the child.
- Chooses to exclude the FC child from the filing group – the FC child is removed from the FS case and the FC income is not counted.

The rules governing this policy are: 461-110-0370 on filing groups and 461-145-0200 on Foster Care income.

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