

Belit Stockfleth

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Topic: Food Benefits

Subject: Elimination of the Dependent Care Deduction Cap, Effective 10/01/08

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:

With the passage of the Farm Bill, many things will be changing. One of those things is the elimination of the cap on dependent care deductions. Currently the cap on the amount of deductions that can be given is \$200 for a dependent under the age of two years and \$175 for dependents age two years and over.

This change will take effect on October 1, 2008. We plan to have the system lift the cap and re-calculate the deductions at that time.

Please make sure that you are coding the full amount of dependent care costs on your Food Stamp cases so when the change does occur, the transition will be smooth and seamless.

If you have any questions about this information, contact:

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