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**Number:** SS-IM-08-029  
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**Topic:** Food Benefits

**Subject:** FS Client Notice of Increased Child Care Deduction

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Children, Adults and Families<br><input type="checkbox"/> County DD Program Managers | <input type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors<br><input type="checkbox"/> Health Services<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seniors and People with Disabilities<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): |
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**Message:** Farm Bill changes for 10/1/08 include eliminating the cap on dependent care deductions for FS. We have identified 415 cases with the deduction (CC or CCP) coded at the current maximum of \$200 for children under age 2 and \$175 for everyone age 2 and older. Although workers have always been trained to code the actual cost for these deductions, it appears that the maximum *may* have been entered on these cases. Clients may be paying more (or less) than the amount coded.

To ensure that DHS complies with the federal legislation, we are sending a notice to these clients to tell them about the change. Please adjust the dependent care deduction effective the first of the month after a new amount is reported. Verification is required on this cost only when determined questionable, the reason for which must be narrated. There is no need to review the deduction amount until a change is reported or until the next recertification, whichever is sooner.

A copy of the notice text is attached. It will be sent to clients the week of September 8.

*If you have any questions about this information, contact:*

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## **Important Notice About Your Food Stamp Benefits**

DHS gives you an income deduction for child care costs when we figure your food stamp benefits. DHS takes \$200 off your income for each child under age 2 and \$175 off for everyone age 2 and older.

Beginning October 1, 2008, this limit ends. If you pay more than the amounts shown above, please tell your worker before October 1. You may get more food stamps. Your worker will tell you if you need to prove how much you pay.

Oregon Administrative Rule: 461-160-0430.