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**ERRATA**

August 13, 2002

TO: ALL COUNTY WELAFRE DIRECTORS
ALL FOOD STAMP COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: ERRATA TO ALL COUNTY LETTER (ACL) NO. 02-55

This is to clarify information transmitted in ACL No. 02-55, dated July 22, 2002, regarding the budgeting of the Standard Utility Allowance (SUA) if the person or persons who are sharing the utility expense with the food stamp household are excluded only because they are ineligible. The ACL lists six (6) examples illustrating how to budget when a household claims either actual utility expenses or elects the SUA (\$206). One of these examples is Example 6b, which attempts to illustrate how to budget the SUA when two separate households are sharing the utility expense. However, this example is incorrect because the full SUA was mistakenly allowed. Since the unrelated adult person is purchasing and preparing food separately and is also sharing utilities with the food stamp household, the SUA should be divided by the two households (eligible food stamp household and the unrelated adult person household) and half (\$103) of the SUA allowed in the food stamp budget.

Please make a note of this correction. Also, disregard the note in the box under utilities, which reads "The full SUA is allowed because the SSN disqualified person (excluded member) shares utilities with the FS household," as separate household situation takes precedence in this example.

If you have any questions, please contact Rosemary Akhidenor, Analyst, Food Stamp Bureau, Policy Implementation Unit, at (916) 654-2116 or via email at: rosemary.akhidenor@dss.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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