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Agriculture

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Food and Nutrition  
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Re: SD Memo 04-040

Mid-Atlantic Region

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Robbinsville, NJ  
08691-1598

Subject: Exclusion of the Housing Allowance for Military Households in Privatized  
Housing – Reauthorization 2004

To: State Child Nutrition Directors

In accordance with the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004, the housing allowance for military personnel living in privatized housing will be permanently excluded from income when determining household eligibility for free and reduced price meals or free milk in all of the child nutrition programs. The provision is effective July 1, 2004.

“Privatized housing” refers to the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, a program operating at a number of military installations. This initiative puts the operation of military owned housing under private contractors. Under this privatization initiative, a housing allowance appears on the leave and earnings statement of service members living in privatized housing. It is important to note that this income exclusion is only for service members living in housing covered under the Military Housing Privatization Initiative. It is not an allowable exclusion for households living off-base in the general commercial/private real estate market.

Additional information about DOD’s Military Housing Privatization Initiative, including a list of affected installations, may be accessed at: <http://www.acq.osd.mil/housing>. Once at the site, click on “Enter” to learn more about privatized housing; then click on one of the selections under “Housing Projects”. You can select by State or by branch of service, etc. It is suggested you select the “Awarded Projects Websites” for a summary of the bases that have privatized housing.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, do not hesitate to contact your School Programs representative.

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