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**TO: Institutions Participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program
Sponsors of the Summer Food Service Program**

**FROM: Arnette Cowan, MS, RD, LDN
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**SUBJECT: Family Size and Income Determination in the Child Nutrition Programs for
Certain Military Families (CACFP 226.23-20; SFSP 225.06-33)**

Under current policy, household members who are temporarily absent from the household are considered household members and their income is included with other household income when making an eligibility determination. Household members not living within the household for an extended period of time or living overseas are not included as members of the household for eligibility purposes, and only that portion of their income made available by them or on their behalf to the household is counted as income to the household.

However, for the duration of Operation Enduring Freedom, an exception to current policy on determining household income and size for deployed service members has been allowed. Therefore, only that portion of the deployed service member’s income made available by them or on their behalf to the household will be counted as income to the household. In addition, the deployed service members will continue to be considered a household member.

Should your staff have any questions regarding this matter, please contact your regional consultant.

cc: SNP Staff
Auditors

