

FIELD OPERATIONS BUREAU

FOOD STAMP UNIT (FSU)

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TO: All Food Assistance Action Committee (FAAC) Members and Field Operations Bureau (FOB) staff

SUBJECT/PURPOSE: Quality Control Review Procedures on the implementation of the Afghan Allies Protection Act of 2009

RELATED REFERENCE: SNAP Administrative Notice 09-12 dated May 28, 2009
ACL 09-39

SUPERSEDES: None

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 2009

BACKGROUND:

The Afghan Allies Protection Action of 2009 extended Afghani Special Immigrant eligibility for SNAP benefits from six months to eight months effective March 11, 2009. The eight month time limit does not apply to eligible qualified non-citizens such as refugees, asylees or children under 18. They are eligible for benefits under the Refugee Resettlement Program (RRP), CalWORKs and the Food stamp Program (FSP). The Afghan Special Immigrant eligibility period start date for food stamp (SNAP) benefits is either from the date of application, the date the immigrant was granted special immigrant status or the effective date of March 11, 2009 whichever is later. An immigrant who was granted special immigrant status on or before July 31, 2008 will not benefit from this new provision as the eight -month period expired prior to the implementation date of March 11, 2009.

INSTRUCTIONS:

There is a 120-day hold harmless period effective 30 days from the date of the implementation of the new law. The implementation date is May 28, 2009. The variance exclusion period will start on June 27, 2009 and end on the close of business October 23, 2009. This will cover the sample months of June 2009 through October 2009. This variance exclusion only applies to Afghan special immigrant households certified on or after August 1, 2008. Any QC variances related from failure to provide benefits for the additional two months (for a total of eight months) to Afghani special immigrant households certified prior to March 11, 2009 shall be excluded. Cases that are new applications, recertified or have changes made during the hold harmless period will be excluded until the case is recertified. If the county does not implement the new change timely, the hold harmless period will be shortened.

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