

**CalWORKs and FOOD STAMP DATA SYSTEMS DESIGN
TASKFORCE
Systems Maintenance Unit (SMU)**

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**TO: All Performance Measurement Counties and Field
Operations Bureau Staff**

SUBJECT/PURPOSE: Treatment of Census Income

RELATED REFERENCE: ACL 00-18; M.S. 63-502.13; EAS. 44-101.51 and 44-113.2

SUPERSEDES: None

EFFECTIVE DATE: February-December 2000

BACKGROUND:

The Bureau of the Census has found that its most effective census takers are those who have been recruited from and then work in their own neighborhoods. In order to assist in the recruitment of census workers in lower income neighborhoods, the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is allowing states to exclude the income earned by Food Stamp program applicants and recipients who work for the Bureau of the Census or related private contractor as part of the 2000 census. This income is excluded for the February 2000 through December 2000 sample months. The exclusion also applies to income earned by working at one of the Data Capture Centers.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Exclude from income consideration earnings paid by the Bureau of the Census, , Data Capture Centers, or private contractor from February 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000 if verification indicates that this is temporary employment for the 2000 census.

Pay statements from the Bureau of the Census should indicate that the Food Stamp household member is/was employed for the 2000 census. For those working for the Data Capture Centers, note that pay statements will be from the National Finance Center in New Orleans and they may or may not indicate that the employment is temporary. If they do not, request the household member obtain or provide the Notification of Personnel Action (SF-50). (It is the household member's responsibility to obtain and provide verification showing that this is temporary employment for the 2000 census.) If he/she cannot provide verification, count the income.

Closed Cases:

Terminations or denials based upon the receipt of this income are improper if documentation indicates that the employment was for the census and is/was temporary.

CALWORKS:

This income exclusion DOES NOT apply to the earnings of CalWORKs applicants and recipients. Therefore, count these earnings after allowing appropriate disregards in the eligibility determination and grant computation processes.

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