



North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Division of Social Services

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Michael F. Easley, Governor
Carmen Hooker Odom, Secretary

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September 8, 2005

**Re: Notification of September 2005
Food Stamp Mass Change Notice**

Dear County Director of Social Services:

**Attention: Food Stamp Supervisors
LIEAP Supervisors**

The United States Department of Agriculture has issued the annual cost-of-living adjustment to food stamp benefits effective October 1, 2005. Attached is a sample of the notice that Food Stamp recipients will receive regarding the increase in the food stamp allotments, income limits, the excess shelter deduction, and the standard deduction for households with five or more people. We have also included information pertaining to the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP).

All food stamp benefit recipients, with active cases as of September 6, 2005, will receive a laser printed notice. Inserts will be mailed with all Notices of Action Taken for food stamp applications processed from September 6, 2005 through September 30, 2005.

If you have any questions about this notice, please contact your Food Assistance and Energy Programs Representative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jane Schwartz".

Jane Schwartz, Chief
Economic Services Section

Attachment
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