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November 25, 2008

**Re: Notification of February 2009  
Social Security/Supplemental  
Security Income (SSI) Cost-of-  
Living Adjustment (COLA)  
Mass Change**

Dear County Director of Social Services:

**Attention: Food and Nutrition Services Supervisors**

Food and Nutrition Services recipients will receive notification in January 2009 of the upcoming Social Security (SSA)/Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) mass change that is effective February 1, 2009. This change will increase the Social Security (SSA) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits by 5.8% effective January 1, 2009. The Medicare Part B premium will remain \$96.40. Laser-printed notices will be mailed to Food and Nutrition Services recipients affected by this change during the month of January 2009. Spanish notices will be mailed to households that have indicated Spanish as their preferred language.

If you have any questions concerning this information, please contact your Food and Nutrition Services & Energy Programs Representative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dean Simpson".

Dean Simpson, Chief  
Economic and Family Services

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Attachment  
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