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September 22, 2004

**RE: REVISED DSS-8648
EFFECTIVE 9/15/04**

DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES:

**ATTENTION: PROGRAM INTEGRITY SUPERVISORS
FOOD STAMP SUPERVISORS**

The Food Assistance and Energy Programs Branch has revised the DSS-8648, Food Stamp Investigation and Disqualification Report, effective September 15, 2004. This revision will allow us to gather more accurate information to report to USDA, Food and Nutrition Service. **This letter obsoletes Dear County Director Letter 10-2004, and the attachment to 10-2004.**

Attached is a copy of the revised DSS-8648. It will also be available on-line and in the Food Stamp Manual with the next manual change. Part I should reflect investigation activity in which there is suspicion an Intentional Program Violation (IPV). Part I is changed to specify that counties should only report referrals in which there is a suspected Intentional Program Violation. Do not include in Part I any referrals that are not suspected of an IPV. There has been confusion regarding this form in the past, and this change will hopefully correct this for the future.

Please discard all copies of the DSS-8648(4-99), and the copy attached to Dear County Director Letter 10-2004 and replace it with the version attached. Use the revised DSS-8648 when reporting for the third quarter (July, August, and September) of 2004. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Shelia Dorsett, Program Integrity Consultant at 919-733-7831.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Sincerely,

Jane Schwartz, Chief
Economic Services Section

Attachment
FAEP-15-2004