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December 21, 2005

**Re: Notification of February 2006
Social Security/Supplemental
Security Income (SSI) Cost-of
Living Adjustment (COLA)
Mass Change**

Dear County Director of Social Services:

Attention: Food Stamp Supervisors

Food Stamp recipients will receive notification in January 2006 of the upcoming Social Security/Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) mass change that is effective February 1, 2006. This change will increase the Social Security (SSA) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits by 4.1% effective February 1, 2006. The Medicare Part B premium will increase to \$88.50. Laser-printed notices will be mailed to Food Stamp recipients affected by this change during the month of January 2006. A copy of the notice is attached.

If you have any questions concerning this information, 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

JS/dl
Attachment
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