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Re: Notification of February 2007 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 2007 of the upcoming Social Security/Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) mass change that is effective February 1, 2007. This change will increase the Social Security (SSA) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits by 3.3% effective February 1, 2007. The Medicare Part B premium will increase to \$93.50. Laser-printed notices will be mailed to Food Stamp recipients affected by this change during the month of January 2007. 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,

Jone Schwarty

Jane Schwartz, Chief Economic Services Section

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