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September 13, 2021

DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

ATTENTION: DIRECTORS, FOOD AND NUTRITION MANAGERS AND SUPERVISORS

SUBJECT: Allocations from the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

Priority: Information Only

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (CAA) (Public Law 116-260), enacted on December 27, 2020, provided additional funds to be used for state administrative costs associated with the administration of the Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) programs in Federal Fiscal Year 2021. The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) enacted on March 3, 2021, also provided additional funds to be used for state administrative costs associated with the administration of FNS programs. The funds received from the CAA equaled \$3,122,774.95 and expires on September 30, 2021. The funds received from the ARPA were divided into three years, the first year equaled \$8,502,462.17 and expires on September 30,2021.

DHHS is allocating these funds to counties to cover a portion of the county share of administering the FNS program due to the workload increases that counties are experiencing as a result of increased food insecurity due to the pandemic. Attached to this letter are the allocations counties will receive from both funds. The amounts reflected in the attached allocation chart are intended to help enhance your FNS program. Counties do not need to take any action to receive these funds, county share of YTD 1571 FNS admin coding will be leveraged for reporting. Program instructions for these funds require that counties cannot reduce their current budgeted funds for the FNS program.

Your county will receive these funds by Wednesday, September 15, 2021 through EFT deposit. . They will be coded as FNS-CAA for the funds from the CAA funds and FNS-ARP for the funds received from ARPA on the EFT notice.

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Sincerely,

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Cc: Susan Osborne, Assistant Secretary for County Operations Richard Stegenga, Deputy Director, Business Operations Allison Smith, Assistant Section Chief for Economic and Family Services

Attachments (2)

- Advance Calculations Worksheet by County for the SAE CAA Funds
- Advance Calculations Worksheet by County for the SAE ARPA Funds

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