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F. Food Stamps Desk Review (Continued)

1. Standards Changes (Continued)

Since business expenses for providing room and board are based on food costs, those standards change with this desk review for all programs. Business expenses for providing day care meals and snacks, based on federal child care program reimbursement rates, also change for all programs. If the fuel season has not yet begun, these new standards will be applied to fuel cases with day care income when fuel autoelig runs (see P-2900 J#4).

The following Medicaid long-term care (LTC) standards also change:

- Medicaid LTC fuel and utility standard (P-2420 D#8),
- Medicaid LTC base housing cost (P-2420 D#8), or
- average monthly cost of nursing facility services to a private patient (P-2420 D#13).

The Medicaid LTC fuel and utility standard is based on the food stamps utility standard with heat. The base housing cost calculation includes the fuel and utility standard, so it may also change.

2. Room and Board Income Cases

Household Member Status

When the thrifty food plan amounts change, there is a corresponding change in the minimum amount a person must pay for board or room and board to be excluded from the food stamp household.

For ongoing (NOT pending) cases at desk review, ACCESS will increase the board, or room and board, income amount for all food stamps cases with people paying at or above the current minimum (or two-thirds of it) but less than the new minimum (or two-thirds of it). After desk review, a MAIL message will be sent to each district listing these cases.

At the next review (or sooner, if a change in boarders, or roomers and boarders, is reported prior to the review), explain the policy and the new minimum amount

and ask for new verification of what is being paid. If the boarder becomes a member of the household, ask for verification of income and resources.

Income to the Household

ACCESS will apply the new business expense deductions to clients with RBIN (room and board income) panels who were desk-reviewed.

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The food stamp fuel and utility standard change impacts the base housing cost.

After a desk review, a list of LTC cases with an amount entered in the spousal allocation field on INST will be sent to you with corresponding labels. Reassess each spousal allocation. Make changes (if necessary) on the INST and on ELIG for care in the effective month to affect the patient share due in the month following the effective month. Complete changes by the adverse action approval deadline in the effective month.

Make corresponding changes in the community spouse's benefits effective the first of the month following the effective month.

Example: Desk review runs September 3. A list and labels are sent to you September 19. Make changes on the November INST and on November ELIG to affect the patient share due in November for October's care. Complete changes by October 21 (adverse action approval deadline). Any corresponding changes in the community spouse's benefits will be effective November 1.