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Western Region

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Reply to  
Attn of: FSP – Administrative Notice 05-13                      February 24, 2005                      FS-10-9-GEN

Subject:                      Reminder on the Use of Food Stamp Employment and Training (FS E&T) Funds

To:                              ALL WESTERN REGION FOOD STAMP PROGRAM COORDINATORS AND  
   FS E&T COORDINATORS

In reviewing State FS E&T Plans for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2005, Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) discovered that some States are operating, or plan to operate, “unsubsidized employment” components. State agencies were providing those component participants, who are employed food stamp recipients, supportive services for employment costs which have included vehicle repairs, tools, clothing, public transportation passes, and gasoline vouchers. These components resemble job retention and supportive services that are offered under the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) work program.

States are reminded that FS E&T funds are meant to help FS E&T program participants prepare for and obtain employment. FS E&T funds cannot be used to support post-employment activities, under the auspices of an “unsubsidized employment” component. A State may claim such expenses as participant reimbursement but not under a separate component.

We will be reviewing all FS E&T plans to ensure there are no inappropriate components and may be contacting you with any concerns.

If you have any questions regarding the subject matter, please contact your State Program Officer.

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