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MEMORANDUM

TO: Sponsors of the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program & Summer Food Service Program

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DATE: September 17, 2010

SUBJECT: Exclusion of Deployment Extension Incentive Pay (DEIP)

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This revised memorandum supersedes CN Memo #25-10/SFSP CN Memo #05-10 dated January 19, 2010. This memorandum provides information on implementation of the exclusion of military combat pay from income eligibility determination for Free and Reduced-Price meals provided as part of the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, Special Milk Program, and the Summer Food Service Program. In addition to combat pay and other income received by deployed service members, this memorandum addresses **Deployment Extension Incentive Pay (DEIP)**. This exclusion is authorized by the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010 (P.L. 111-80; October 21, 2009).

Update to Previous Policy

DEPLOYMENT EXTENSION INCENTIVE PAY (DEIP)

The exclusion of combat pay, as described in P.L. 111-80, is extended to DEIP. DEIP is given to active-duty service members who agree to extend their military service by completing deployment with their units without re-enlisting. This exemption applies only until the service members return to their home station. Any additional DEIP payments provided to service

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members serving at their home station is considered income as they are no longer considered deployed.

Reminders from Previous Memorandum

COMBAT PAY

As set forth in the statute, combat pay is defined as an additional payment made under Chapter 5 of Title 37 of the United States Code, or as otherwise designated by the secretary to be excluded, that is received by the household member who is deployed to a designated combat zone. Combat pay is excluded if it is:

- Received in addition to the service member's basic pay;
- Received as a result of the service member's deployment to or service in an area that has been designated as a combat zone; and
- Not received by the service member prior to his/her deployment to or service in the designated combat zone.

A combat zone is any area that the President of the United States designates by Executive Order as an area in which the U.S. Armed Forces are engaging or have engaged in combat. As with other types of income commonly received by military personnel (such as the Basic Allowance for Housing or Basic Allowance for Subsistence payments), combat pay received by service members is normally reflected in the entitlements column of the military Leave and Earnings Statement (LES). Information regarding deployment to or service in a combat zone may also be available through military orders or public records on deployment of military units.

OTHER INCOME AND HOUSEHOLD SIZE

The portion of the deployed service member's income made available by them or on their behalf to the household as income will continue to be counted for eligibility determination. This is a continuation of policy issued in CN Memo #19-03 issued on March 25, 2003. Further, deployed service members continue to be considered members of the household for purposes of determining income eligibility for the Child Nutrition Programs.

Please continue to consider combat pay as an exclusion from all future income eligibility determinations. The combat pay exclusion update has been included in the Arizona Department of Education's CNP Guidance Manual found at <http://www.ade.az.gov/health-safety/cnp/nslp/GuidanceManual>.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this memo, please contact your assigned School Health and Nutrition Program Specialist at (602) 542-8700.

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