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TO: Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Sponsors

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**SUBJECT: Operational Memorandum #02C-11 and 02H-11
Exclusion of Military Combat Pay – Revised Guidance**

This memorandum supersedes Operational Memorandum #02C-10 dated November 30, 2009 and titled *Exclusion of Military Combat Pay*. In addition to combat pay and other income received by deployed service members, this memorandum provides revised guidance concerning Deployment Extension Incentive Pay (DEIP) and is applicable to Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) income eligibility determinations for:

- free and reduced price meals in CACFP centers; and
- tier status determinations for family day care homes.

Combat Pay

The exclusion of combat pay is authorized by the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010 (P.L. 111-80; October 21, 2009). This memorandum provides guidance regarding military combat pay received by service members during a deployment.

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:

- a. received in addition to the service member's basic pay;
- b. 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**
- c. 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 Earning Statement. 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.

Deployment Extension Incentive Pay (DEIP)

The exclusion of combat pay, as described in P.L. 111-80 is extended to **Deployment Extension Incentive Pay (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 members serving at their home station is considered income, as they are no longer deployed.

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Other Income and Household Size

Only that portion of the deployed service member's income made available by them or on their behalf to the household should be counted as income. Further, deployed service members continue to be considered members of the household for purposes of determining income eligibility for the Child Nutrition Programs.

If there are any questions about this information, contacts are as follows:

Day Care Center Sponsors: Susan Boyle at 860-807-2074, Celia Cordero at 860-807-2076 or Benedict Onye at 860-807-2080. Day Care Home Sponsors: Susan Bohuslaw at 860-807-2073.

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<http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2626&q=321576>