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POLICY NO. FD-010: Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)

SUBJECT: Counting the Pregnant Woman's Embryo or Fetus in Utero as a Household Member

This memorandum serves to clarify that in determining the eligibility of a pregnant woman and her family for participation in CSFP, State agencies may allow the embryo or fetus (or embryos/fetuses, if applicable) in utero to be counted as a household member if the woman and her family would not otherwise meet the established income eligibility standards. This is consistent with the flexibility afforded to State agencies in determining the eligibility of pregnant women applying for participation in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children, or WIC Program.

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