Food Distribution
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POLICY NO.: FD-013: Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)

SUBJECT: Home Delivery of Commodities

This memorandum provides clarification regarding home delivery of commodities to those elderly, disabled, and homebound individuals that have been determined eligible to participate in FDPIR.

Home delivery to these individuals by Indian Tribal Organizations (ITOs) and State agencies is not prohibited. In addition, as established both through Federal regulations (7 CFR 277.4 (c)) and by directive of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB Circular A-87), all costs that are necessary and reasonable to meet program objectives are considered allowable. Since costs incurred in ensuring that the elderly, disabled, and homebound receive their FDPIR commodities are certainly essential to meeting program objectives, these costs are allowable. Such costs should be included in the administrative budget formulated annually by ITOs and State agencies and presented to the appropriate FNS Regional Office for approval. The regional office, in its evaluation of the budget, should consider these as allowable costs that should be met. The cost of providing these services may be met through the use of Federal funds allocated for the administration of the program, to the extent that funds are available, or as part of the State or ITO match of the Federal grant.

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