Subject: Family Size and Income Determinations for Military Families

To: STATE AGENCY DIRECTORS - (Child Nutrition Programs)  
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This memorandum addresses the issue of determining eligibility for free and reduced price meals for children whose household family size/income is affected by military personnel who are deployed because of the events of September 11, 2001.

Determining officials should continue to use current policy and guidelines in determining household size and income. However, we believe that persons who are deployed because of the tragic events of September 11 should be considered "temporarily absent" from the household and the household size and income determined accordingly. "Temporarily absent" means that those deployed service members are included in the household size and their income is included as household income. Please reference pages 32-33 of the Eligibility Guidance for School Meals Manual issued August 2001, for further information.
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This information applies to all Child Nutrition Programs. If you have any questions, please contact our office.

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