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POLICY NO.: FD-063: Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), & Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)

SUBJECT: Household Eligibility Determinations for Disaster or Emergency Evacuees Residing with a Host Family

In areas covered by a **Presidential declaration** of a major disaster or emergency, individuals and families may be forced to evacuate their homes, and some of these evacuees may choose to reside with a host family until they can return to their own homes. In such instances, State agencies may, for the duration of the Presidential declaration, consider evacuees residing with a host family a separate household for the purpose of determining eligibility for regular program benefits under FDPIR, TEFAP and the CSFP. In instances when evacuees are considered a separate household, the host family must separately meet the eligibility requirements for the program(s) in order to receive program benefits. All other program requirements must be met, including use of the host family's place of residence for the purpose of determining if both households meet applicable service area requirements.

Allowing separate household eligibility determinations for evacuees in these circumstances removes a potential barrier to program participation, and may minimize the burden placed on the host family.

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