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MEMORANDUM
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DATE: January 13, 2012
TO: All ISD and MAD Staff
FROM:  Ted Roth, Acting Director
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SUBJECT: SNAP Dependent Care Deduction- Out of Pocket Costs

This IPP serves to clarify what should be considered an "out of pocket" cost in order for a household to be eligible for the SNAP dependent care deduction. Currently, the expense deductions and standards table in policy at 8.139.500.8 F (3) shows that the amount to be considered is the "actual amount."

This IPP broadens the definition of actual amount to include any out of pocket costs i.e. mileage to and from the dependent care provider, a full time attendant for an incapacitated adult, co-payments for subsidized child care, fees for non-reimbursed care.

Households eligible for the deduction, that wish to deduct the mileage amount must provide a viable address for the child care provider so that the distance between the household's residence and its child care provider can be determined using MAPQUEST. The amount allowed for state employees, 0.41 cents per mile will be used to determine the actual amount allowed.

Example of Deduction for Mileage using state mileage rate:

A family that drives 5 miles per day 5 days per week at the state mileage rate of \$0.41/mile

10 mile round trip x \$0.41 = \$4.10 x 20 days = \$82.00

Dependent care costs that are being reimbursed or are being paid for by a third party, such as CYFD, are not considered a deductible "out of pocket expense."

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