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TO: Commissioners; TA & FS Directors; WMS Coordinators; CAP Coordinators

FROM: Russell Sykes, Deputy Commissioner, Center for Employment and Economic Supports

SUBJECT: Requests for Replacement Food Stamp Benefits

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

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Purpose

The purpose of this GIS is to instruct local districts affected by Hurricane Irene to continue to accept requests for replacement of food stamp benefits until otherwise notified by OTDA.

Background

In the wake of the flooding, power outages and dislocation caused by Hurricane Irene, there naturally been a large increase in the number of requests for replacement of food stamp benefits due to loss of food.

Under normal Request for Replacement rules, the household must return a signed and completed form LDSS-2291 *“Request for Replacement of Food Purchased with Food Stamp Benefits”* (Rev 8/03) within 10 days of the date of the report of loss. If the 10th day falls on a weekend or holiday, a statement received the first business day after the weekend or holiday is acceptable.

Due to the extraordinary circumstances created by Hurricane Irene and the continuing flooding, OTDA has requested permission from USDA for an extension of the normal 10-day filing period. We have not yet received a formal response to this waiver request.

Food Stamp Replacement Request Policy

See 11 GIS TA/DC018, dated September 2, 2011 for further details. Here is the link

<http://otda.state.nyenet/dta/GIS/11dc018.pdf>