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**TO:** Commissioners, TA Directors, SNAP Directors

**FROM:** Phyllis Morris, Acting Deputy Commissioner  
Center for Employment and Economic Supports

**SUBJECT:** Second Extension of Timeframe for Allowing SNAP Purchase of Hot and Prepared Foods  
at Authorized FNS Retailers in Counties Impacted by Hurricane Sandy

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** November 3, 2012 - January 31, 2013

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**The timeframe during which hot foods and food products prepared for immediate consumption will be considered “eligible foods”** for purposes of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), as long as they are purchased in retail food stores authorized by the Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, for the following counties: Bronx, Kings, Richmond, Queens, New York, Nassau, Rockland, Suffolk, and Westchester, Orange, Putnam and Sullivan, **has been extended until January 31, 2013.**

We ask that SSDs assist in informing SNAP clients in these counties that they are able to use their Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card and SNAP benefits to purchase hot foods and prepared food items at authorized SNAP retailers through **Thursday, January 31, 2013.**

Please see the attached notice that the U.S. Department of Agriculture has distributed to retailers to inform them about this extension.

Attachment