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

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

**SUBJECT:** Fifth Extension of Timeframe for Allowing SNAP Purchase of Hot and Prepared Foods at Authorized FNS Retailers in New York City and in Nassau and Suffolk Counties

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** November 3, 2012 – April 30, 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 and Suffolk has been extended until April 30, 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 **April 30, 2013.**

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

Attachment