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SUBJECT: Expiration of Waiver to Allow Purchase of Hot and Prepared Foods with
SNAP Benefits at Authorized FNS Retailers

EFFECTIVE DATE: 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, will end on April 30, 2013.

This waiver is currently in place until April 30, 2013 for the following counties: Bronx, Kings, Richmond, Queens, New York, Nassau and Suffolk.

We ask that SSDs assist in informing SNAP clients in these counties that they will not be able to use their Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card and SNAP benefits to purchase hot foods and prepared food items at authorized SNAP retailers after the waiver expires on **April 30, 2013.**