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General Information System (GIS) Message

Section 1

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From:	Valerie Figueroa, Deputy Commissioner Employment and Income Support Programs
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Contact Information:	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Questions – SNAP Bureau 518-473-1469 or otda.sm.cees.snap@otda.ny.gov
Attachments:	http://otda.state.ny.net/ldss_eforms/eforms/2291.pdf

Section 2

Due to the recent severe storm that occurred across Upstate New York State (NYS) on April 18, 2022, the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) is issuing this GIS to notify select Upstate local districts impacted by this severe weather that the normal time frame for replacement Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits has been extended. This applies to any SNAP household that resides in the select counties identified below and is in receipt of SNAP benefits that suffered a loss of food due to the severe storm and resulting power outages.

Current SNAP recipient households that have lost food purchased with SNAP benefits due to the severe storm or household misfortune are entitled to a replacement issuance of SNAP benefits, which includes the Emergency Allotment Supplement for April 2022, provided that:

- The household reports the loss within 10 days of the date of the misfortune, **and**
- The household returns a signed and completed form [LDSS-2291](#) "Request for Replacement of Food Purchased with Food Stamp Benefits," 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 day after the weekend or holiday is acceptable.

Due to the nature of this severe storm and the number of Upstate households still without electricity, OTDA has received approval from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to extend the normal reporting date beyond the required 10 days. SNAP households in the following NYS counties affected by this severe storm will now have until May 15, 2022, to report the loss of food. The counties eligible for this waiver include: **Broome, Chenango, Delaware, Fulton, Herkimer, Otsego, Tioga and**

Warren. These counties have all experienced reported power outages affecting more than 5,000 residents.

The **LDSS-2291 REQUEST FOR REPLACEMENT OF FOOD PURCHASED WITH SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) BENEFITS** form must be used to request replacement of food purchased with SNAP benefits. It can be accessed at:

http://otda.state.ny.net/ldss_efoms/efoms/2291.pdf