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General Information System (GIS) Message

Section 1

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Section 2

The purpose of this GIS is to notify Social Services Districts (districts) about data that has been loaded into the SFARS (Specialized Fraud and Abuse Reporting System) database.

Section 3

The SFARS database houses all EBT transactions for New York State recipients and approved SNAP retailers. With the conversion to the new EBT vendor on May 17th 2024 and due to file formatting discrepancies, complete data had not been loaded to SFARS. This GIS is to inform districts that these issues have been resolved and SFARS now shows EBT transaction data through July 4th, 2024. Districts may use both the recipient and retailer profile reports and expect to see complete data through this date. Three daily files are being loaded nightly until the backlog is depleted and data is current. Please report any issues with the data immediately to Stephen Bach at Stephen.bach@otda.ny.gov.