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Topic: Food Benefits

Subject: Replacing FS Benefits Due to Flooding or Power Outage

Applies to (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees | <input type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Children, Adults and Families | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seniors and People with Disabilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County DD Program Managers | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): |

Message: Oregon is experiencing power losses and flooding and some staff are questioning what to do when food is destroyed due to the weather. Local offices may replace destroyed food for open FS cases. The policy on replacing food purchased with food stamps is located in the FS manual, section G.17. As always, persons not currently on FS may apply.

There has been discussion about implementing an emergency FS program due to the disaster. The President must declare an area in Oregon as a disaster area first. If that occurs, we will consider implementing the emergency FS program. That program will be available in the Presidentially-declared disaster areas only. We will send out a special policy transmittal with procedures in the event that the emergency FS program is implemented.

Local/Branch Action Required: Local offices should review Section G.17 in the FS manual and the guidelines for replacing destroyed food.

Central Office Action Required: Notify the local offices if the emergency FS program is implemented along with the special application and procedures.

If you have any questions about this information, contact:

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