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Topic: Food Benefits

Subject: Farmers' Market tokens for OSIP-AD (Program 4) clients

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): |

This message is for your information. No action is required.

The Food Stamp Program is implementing a one-time project to help promote healthy eating among clients with disabilities. In the first week of July, FS recipients getting Program 4 benefits from SPD in designated counties of the state will receive a [letter](#) about the project. The letter will ask the client to exchange the letter for \$20 in tokens at the approved farmers' markets in their local community. The designated counties are Baker, Benton, Hood River, Jackson, Lane, Lincoln, Marion, Tillamook, Umatilla and Union. Program 4 clients from SSP will not receive the letter.

This project is funded by the bonus money the FS Program received in 2008. Approximately 3,630 FS recipients will get the additional benefits. Many of the markets are in rural Oregon. The additional funds will not only help jump-start their local economy but also provide a needed incentive for clients with disabilities to purchase more fruits and vegetables to improve their diet.

To streamline the process, clients' names are not identified on the letter. However, any undeliverable mail will be returned to the branch in which the client was served. This will allow branches to follow up on the whereabouts of the client.

Also included in the [letter](#) are three flyers in addition to the list of approved farmers' markets. They include [Using Food Stamps to Help Start Your Garden](#) (which includes Introducing Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)), a list of [approved farmers' markets](#) and a [recipe flyer](#) on making healthy drinks and snacks. Please click the above links to see the materials for this one-time project.

If you have any questions about this information, contact:

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