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Topic: Food Benefits

Subject: Senior Farm Direct Nutrition Program

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> County DD Program Managers | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): |

Message:

The 2008 Oregon Senior Farm Direct Nutrition Program will run from June 1, 2008 through October 31, 2008. To be eligible for the program a person must meet the following criteria:

- Be 60 years old as of April 1, 2008,
- Be receiving Medicaid or Food Stamps on April 1, 2008,
- Have income under \$1170 for an individual or \$1575 for a couple, and
- Be living in a situation where food is not provided for them.

SPD will compile a list of eligible seniors from the FSMIS and CMS databases on April 1, 2008. Seniors will be found eligible for the program if they meet the above listed criteria. It is important that CMS does not have community based facility coding on the case if the client is not living in a community based facility. We are not able to backdate eligibility for this program if CMS is coded incorrectly on April 1, 2008.

This year SPD will send an application to every household that meets the eligibility criteria as stated above. **The senior must return the bottom portion of the application** indicating a desire to participate in the program. If the bottom portion of the application is not returned by September 30, 2008, we will not be able to send the senior the farm direct checks. Each household that returns the bottom portion of the application will receive the checks. SPD anticipates sending \$30 to every eligible household who expresses the desire to participate in the program.

Seniors should be encouraged to return the application as soon as possible in order to have more time to use their checks. The application will be yellow, to distinguish it from other DHS materials and will be mailed to eligible seniors mid May.

The application also has an area for the senior to list a proxy. If the senior intends to have someone else purchase produce with the checks, the proxy name must be listed and the form must be signed. If the senior will be using the checks themselves, they do not need to list a proxy or sign the application. Seniors who are concerned about sending their signature through the mail, may place their application in an envelope and mail it to:

Department of Human Services
Senior Farm Direct Nutrition Program
Attn: Lauren Mitchell
500 Summer St NE, E12
Salem, OR 97301-1076

If you have any questions about this information, contact:

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