Disaster SNAP Program (formerly the Food Stamp Program) 8/30/10

USDA's Food and Nutrition Services has authorized the Illinois Department of Human Services to offer a special Disaster SNAP benefits for residents of 7 counties declared federal disaster areas as a result of flooding in late July.

Areas Affected:

Cook, zip codes of 60016, 60068, 60076, 60103, 60104, 60107, 60130, 60131, 60133, 60153, 60154, 60155, 60160, 60162, 60163, 60164, 60165, 60171, 60176, 60302, 60304, 60305, 60402, 60406, 60409, 60411, 60419, 60422, 60425, 60426, 60428, 60429, 60430, 60438, 60443, 60453, 60455, 60458, 60459, 60461, 60466, 60471, 60472, 60473, 60478, 60501, 60513, 60525, 60526, 60534, 60546, 60558, 60607, 60608, 60609, 60612, 60615, 60616, 60617, 60618, 60619, 60620, 60621, 60622, 60623, 60624, 60628, 60629, 60630, 60632, 60633, 60634, 60636, 60637, 60638, 60639, 60641, 60642, 60643, 60644, 60647, 60649, 60651, 60652, 60655, 60659, 60707, 60803, 60804, 60805, 60827

DuPage, zip codes of: 60101, 60103, 60106, 60108, 60126, 60133, 60137, 60139, 60143, 60148, 60157, 60172, 60181, 60185, 60187, 60188, 60189, 60521, 60523, 60559

Carroll, Jo Daviess, Ogle, Stephenson, and Winnebago – only for designated areas that were affected

Disaster SNAP Benefits:

Disaster SNAP benefits will be provided to families based on total income and assets available to a household during the disaster. Non-reimbursed disaster-related expenses are allowed as a deduction from income and assets. A qualifying 2 person family with net income less than \$1815 would receive \$367 and a one person household with net income less than \$1503 would receive \$200. Most benefits will be available within 3 days of the date of application.

SNAP benefits can be used to purchase food for human consumption, but cannot be used to buy alcoholic drinks, tobacco products or non-food products. Benefits must be used within 90 days.

Who Qualifies

Illinois residents who lived or worked in a disaster area within one of these counties at the time of the disaster may qualify for this special program. To qualify, persons must have had damage to home or business, disaster-related expenses not reimbursed, or loss or reduction of income during the period 7/22/10 through 8/20/10.

Persons receiving regular SNAP benefits that were affected by the disaster may also apply for this special program. They may qualify for additional SNAP benefits to bring their benefit level up to the maximum benefit amount for the month of the disaster.

Where to Apply

Special applications for the Disaster SNAP benefits are available at certain Illinois Department of Human Services offices (see the attached listing of office addresses/contact information) located in the following counties that were designated as federal disaster areas: Cook, Carroll, DuPage, JoDavies, Ogle, Stephenson, and Winnebago.

When to Apply

Applications will be accepted on weekdays from Monday, August 30 through Friday September 3rd from 8:30 AM until 4:00 PM each day. Those applying must apply at one of the designated offices and complete a paper application.

What to Bring to Apply

Applicants must bring proof of their identity and their residence or job in a disaster area prior to the disaster.

Special Considerations

Persons committing fraud with the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program(SNAP) may be disqualified from the program, may be fined up to \$250,000 and put in prison up to 20 years or both.

In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, the Illinois Department of Human Services is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, political beliefs, or disability.

Family Community Resource Center Contact Information for each County:

Cook

West Suburban

2701 West Lake Street Melrose Park, IL 60160-3800 Phone: (708) 338-7600 (Voice) Nextalk: (866) 439-3720 Fax: (708) 338-7638

Humboldt Park

2753 West North Avenue Chicago, IL 60647-5246 Phone: (773) 292-7200 (Voice) Nextalk: (866) 439-3721 Fax: (773) 292-7224

Northwest

4105 W. Chicago Avenue Chicago, IL 60651-3698 Phone: (773) 265-7103(Voice) Nextalk: (866) 321-9119 Fax: (773) 265-7103

Calumet Park

831 W 119th St Chicago, IL 60643-5274 Phone: (773) 660-4700 (Voice) Nextalk: (866) 439-3713 Fax: (773) 660-2335

Roseland

11203 South Ellis Avenue Chicago, IL 60628-4696 Phone: (773) 660-7000 (Voice) Nextalk: (866) 214-8514 Fax: (773) 660-2336

Oakland

610 West Root Street Chicago, IL 60609-2669 Phone: (773) 579-4200 (Voice) Nextalk: (866) 439-3712 Fax: (773) 579-4012

Carroll

820 South Mill Street Mt. Carroll 61053-1243 Phone: (815)244-3301(Voice) Nextalk: (866)322-8834 Fax: (815)244-1227

DuPage

146 W Roosevelt Rd Villa Oaks Office Concourse-Suite 2 Villa Park, IL 60181-3575 Phone: (630) 530-1120 (Voice) Nextalk: (866) 322-3092 Fax: (630) 834-5947

Jo Daviess

708 S. West Street Galena, IL 61036-0237 Phone: (815) 777-0718 (Voice) Nextalk: (866) 323-1677 Fax: (815) 777-8230

Ogle

106 North Second Street Oregon, IL 61061 Phone: (815) 732-2166 (Voice) Nextalk: (866) 323-4144 Fax: (815) 732-4223

Stephenson

1631 South Galena Avenue Freeport, IL 61032-2500 Phone: (815) 232-6123 (Voice) Nextalk: (866) 324-3554 Fax: (815) 232-7625

Winnebago

1111 North Avon Street Rockford, IL 61101-5898 Phone: (815) 987-7620 (Voice) Nextalk: (866) 322-2681 Fax: (815) 987-2380