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SPECIAL MAILING: YOU MAY NOW BE ELIGIBLE FOR FOOD STAMP BENEFITS

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<p> This procedure can now be accessed on the FIAweb.</p> <p>Refer to PB #07-155-ELI and PD #08-01-ELI for more information.</p>	<p>The purpose of this policy bulletin is to provide staff with information regarding a new Food Stamp (FS) outreach initiative.</p> <p>As of January 1, 2008, New York State expanded the definition of categorical eligibility for the Food Stamp Program. With this change and expansion of policy, the State is exempting all resources from the FS eligibility criteria for households that do not contain any members that are currently sanctioned or disqualified due to an Intentional Program Violation (IPV) for FS and whose income is at, or below 130% of the federal poverty level, or 200% of the poverty level if the household contains an elderly or disabled member.</p> <p>The Family Independence Administration (FIA) Division of FS Services will be mailing the notice, You May Now Be Eligible for Food Stamp Benefits (EXP-84U), to individuals whose FS applications were denied or cases closed due to the presence of excess resources in their household in the past year, informing them of this change and inviting them to reapply.</p> <p>The Food Stamp Income Guidelines (W-138Q), which lists FS Centers where these individuals may apply, will be included with the mailing.</p> <p><i>Effective Immediately</i></p> <p>Related Item:</p> <p>PB #07-155-ELI PD #08-01-ELI</p>

HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS PROCEDURE?
 Call 718-557-1313 then press 3 at the prompt followed by 1 or
 send an e-mail to *FIA Call Center*

 Please use Print on Demand to obtain copies of forms.

Attachments:

- EXP-84U** You May Now Be Eligible for Food Stamp Benefits
- EXP-84U (S)** You May Now Be Eligible for Food Stamp Benefits (Spanish)
- W138Q** Food Stamp Income Guidelines (Rev. 4/10/08)
- W138Q (S)** Food Stamp Income Guidelines (Spanish) (Rev. 4/10/08)

Date: _____
Case Number: _____
Case Name: _____
Center: _____
Telephone Number: _____

You May Now Be Eligible For Food Stamp Benefits

Our records indicate that you recently applied for Food Stamp (FS) benefits but were determined to be ineligible due to the presence of excess resources in your household. Due to a change in state rules you may now be eligible for benefits.

As of January 1, 2008, New York State is exempting all resources from the FS eligibility criteria for all households that do not contain a member that is currently sanctioned for FS and whose income is at or under 130% of the federal poverty level or 200% if the household contains an elderly or disabled member.

Since the change in the eligibility criteria may now make you eligible for the receipt of FS benefits, we invite you to come in to one of the local FS Centers and apply. Applying for food stamps is easier than ever and if you are working, now you may qualify for a telephone interview for your benefits.

We have included the Food Stamp Income Guidelines (**W-138Q**), which lists all FS Centers where you can apply.

Fecha: _____
Número del Caso: _____
Nombre del Caso: _____
Centro: _____
Número de Teléfono: _____

Usted Ahora Podría Ser Elegible Para Beneficios de Cupones para Alimentos

Nuestros archivos indican que usted recientemente solicitó beneficios de Cupones para Alimentos, pero se determinó que usted no es elegible debido a que su hogar cuenta con recursos económicos en exceso. Debido a un cambio en las reglas estatales usted ahora podría ser elegible para beneficios.

A partir del 1ero de enero, 2008, el Estado de Nueva York está eximiendo todos los recursos de los criterios de elegibilidad de Cupones para Alimentos para todos los hogares que no tienen un miembro actualmente sancionado respecto a Cupones para Alimentos y cuyos ingresos sean iguales o inferiores al 130% del nivel federal de pobreza o al 200% si dichos hogares tiene un miembro anciano o incapacitado.

Puesto que según el cambio en los criterios de elegibilidad usted ahora podría ser elegible para recibir beneficios de Cupones para Alimentos, le invitamos a que venga a uno de los centros locales de Cupones para Alimentos y presente su solicitud. El trámite de solicitud ahora es más fácil que nunca, y si usted está actualmente trabajando podría calificar para una entrevista por teléfono para sus beneficios.

Hemos adjuntado en Guía de Ingresos de Cupones para Alimentos (**W-138Q [S]**), que lista todos los Centros de Cupones para Alimentos en donde usted puede presentar su solicitud.

Food Stamp Income Guidelines

- Food Stamps provide your family with assistance when buying food. They are used in place of cash to buy food at grocery stores or supermarkets.
- You don't have to be out of work to apply for Food Stamps. You can be employed and still be eligible for Food Stamps.
- You can own your own home and car and still be eligible for Food Stamps.
- If you are eligible, you will receive Food Stamp assistance within 30 days. Certain households with little income or savings, or with high shelter costs, can receive Food Stamp benefits within five days.

Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Each additional member
Maximum Gross Monthly Income	\$1,107	\$1,484	\$1,861	\$2,238	\$2,615	\$2,992	\$3,369	\$3,746	+ \$377

- These new income limits became effective October 1, 2007.
- The Maximum Gross Monthly Income limits do not apply to Food Stamp households with an elderly or disabled individual.

To file a Food Stamp application with the Center nearest you, you may appear in person any time between the hours of 8:30 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. In Extended Hours Centers you may appear in person between the hours of 8:30 AM and 6:00 PM, Monday through Friday (until 7:00 PM on select days) and between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM on Saturdays. If you wish to make a telephone appointment, call Info Line at (877) 472-8411 for the telephone number of the nearest Food Stamp Center.

New York City Food Stamp Centers			Extended Hours Centers*
Manhattan	East End – F02 2322 Third Avenue 3rd Floor New York, NY 10035	Washington Heights – F13 4055 10th Avenue Lower Level New York, NY 10034	St. Nicholas – F14 132 West 125th Street 3rd Floor New York, NY 10027
Brooklyn	F15 (SSI only) 253 Schermerhorn Street 1st Floor Brooklyn, NY 11201	Ft. Greene – F20 275 Bergen Street 1st Floor Brooklyn, NY 11217	Williamsburg – F21 30 Thornton Street 4th Floor Brooklyn, NY 11206
	Midwood – F25 3050 West 21st Street 2nd Floor Brooklyn, NY 11224	North Brooklyn – F26 500 Dekalb Avenue 5th Floor Brooklyn, NY 11205	New Utrecht – F27 6740 4th Avenue 1st Floor Brooklyn, NY 11220
	Brighton – F28 2865 West 8th Street 1st Floor Brooklyn, NY 11224	F61** (Residential Facilities Only) 253 Schermerhorn Street 3rd Floor Brooklyn, NY 11201	F63** (Homebound Non-SSI only) 253 Schermerhorn Street 3rd Floor Brooklyn, NY 11201
Bronx	Rider – F38 305 Rider Avenue, 2nd Floor Bronx, NY 10451	Melrose – F40 260 East 161st Street 4th Floor Bronx, NY 10451	Crotona – F46 1910 Monterey Avenue 5th Floor Bronx, NY 10457
Queens	Queens – F53 32-20 Northern Boulevard 4th Floor Long Island City, NY 11101	Rockaway – F79 219 Beach 59th Street 1st Floor Rockaway, NY 11692	Fordham – F44 2551 Bainbridge Avenue 2nd Floor Bronx, NY 10458 (Open until 7:00 PM on Wednesdays)
Staten Island			Jamaica – F54 165-08 88th Avenue 3rd Floor Jamaica, NY 11432 (Open until 7:00 PM on Thursdays)
			Richmond – F99 201 Bay Street 1st Floor Staten Island, NY 10301 (Open until 7:00 PM on Fridays)

*Extended Hours Centers – 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM, Monday through Friday, until 7:00 PM on select days and 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Saturdays.

**F61 provides services by mail, phone and fax to residents in State-certified residential treatment group homes. F63 provides Food Stamps to eligible individuals who are medically verified to be permanently homebound; these services are provided by phone, mail and fax.

Guía de Ingresos de Cupones para Alimentos

- Los Cupones para Alimentos le proveen a su familia asistencia a la hora de comprar alimentos. Estos cupones para alimentos se utilizan en lugar de dinero en efectivo para comprar en bodegas o supermercados.
- Usted no tiene que estar desempleado para solicitar Cupones para Alimentos. Usted puede estar empleado y aun ser elegible para Cupones para Alimentos.
- Usted puede ser elegible para recibir cupones para alimentos aun si es propietario(a) de su casa y automóvil.
- Si usted es elegible, recibirá asistencia de Cupones para Alimentos dentro de 30 días. Ciertos hogares con poco ingreso o ahorros, o con altos costos de alquiler, pueden recibir beneficios de Cupones para Alimentos dentro de cinco días.

Miembros en la Familia	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Cada Miembro Adicional
Máximo Ingreso Bruto Mensual	\$1,107	\$1,484	\$1,861	\$2,238	\$2,615	\$2,992	\$3,369	\$3,746	+ \$377

- Estos nuevos límites de ingresos entraron en vigencia el 1 de octubre, 2007.
- Los límites del Máximo Ingreso Bruto Mensual no corresponden a hogares de Cupones para Alimentos con personas ancianas o incapacitadas.

Para presentar una solicitud de Cupones para Alimentos con el Centro más cercano a usted, puede presentarse en persona a cualquier hora de 8:30 AM a 5:00 PM, de lunes a viernes. En Centros con Horas Extendidas, usted puede presentarse en persona entre las horas de 8:30 AM y 6:00 PM, lunes a viernes (hasta las 7:00 PM en días selectos) y entre 9:00 AM a 5:00 PM los sábados. Si desea programar una cita telefónica, llame a la Línea de Información (Info Line) al (877) 472-8411 para obtener el número de teléfono del Centro de Cupones para Alimentos más cercano a usted.

Centros de Cupones para Alimentos en la Ciudad de Nueva York			Centros con Horario Extendido*	
Manhattan	East End – F02 2322 Third Avenue 3er Piso New York, NY 10035	Washington Heights – F13 4055 10th Avenue Lower Level New York, NY 10034	St. Nicholas – F14 132 West 125th Street 3er Piso New York, NY 10027	Waverly – F19 12 West 14th Street 4to Piso New York, NY 10011 (Abierto hasta las 7:00 PM los martes)
Brooklyn	F15 (Sólo para SSI) 253 Schermerhorn Street 1er Piso Brooklyn, NY 11201	Ft. Greene – F20 275 Bergen Street 1er Piso Brooklyn, NY 11217	Williamsburg – F21 30 Thornton Street 4to Piso Brooklyn, NY 11206	Boro Hall – F23 45 Hoyt Street 6to Piso Brooklyn, NY 11201 (Abierto hasta las 7:00 PM los martes)
	Midwood – F25 3050 West 21st Street 2do Piso Brooklyn, NY 11224	North Brooklyn – F26 500 Dekalb Avenue 5to Piso Brooklyn, NY 11205	New Utrecht – F27 6740 4th Avenue 1er Piso Brooklyn, NY 11220	
	Brighton – F28 2865 West 8th Street 1er Piso Brooklyn, NY 11224	F61** (Sólo para Hogares de Tratamiento) 253 Schermerhorn Street 3er Piso Brooklyn, NY 11201	F63** (Sólo para No-SSI Confinados al Hogar) 253 Schermerhorn Street 3er Piso Brooklyn, NY 11201	
Bronx	Rider – F38 305 Rider Avenue 2do Piso Bronx, NY 10451	Melrose – F40 260 East 161st Street 4to Piso Bronx, NY 10451	Crotona – F46 1910 Monterey Avenue 5to Piso Bronx, NY 10457	Fordham – F44 2551 Bainbridge Avenue 2do Piso Bronx, NY 10458 (Abierto hasta las 7:00 PM los miércoles)
Queens	Queens – F53 32-20 Northern Boulevard 4to Piso Long Island City, NY 11101	Rockaway – F79 219 Beach 59th Street 1er Piso Rockaway, NY 11692		Jamaica – F54 165-08 88th Avenue 3er Piso Jamaica, NY 11432 (Abierto hasta las 7:00 PM los jueves)
Staten Island				Richmond – F99 201 Bay Street 1er Piso Staten Island NY 10301 (Abierto hasta las 7:00 PM los viernes)

*Centros con Horario Extendido – 8:30 AM a 6:00 PM, de lunes a viernes, hasta las 7:00 PM días asignados y de 9:00 AM a 5:00 PM los sábados.

**El F61 proporciona servicios por correo, por teléfono y por fax a residentes de hogares de tratamiento en grupo autorizados por el Estado.
El F63 proporciona Cupones para Alimentos a personas elegibles que están médicamente verificados como permanentemente confinados en el hogar.
Estos servicios son proporcionados por teléfono, por correo y por fax.