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Informational Letter

Section 1

Transmittal:	10-INF-05
To:	Local District Commissioners
Issuing Division/Office:	Center for Employment and Economic Supports
Date:	April 19, 2010
Subject:	Revised PUB-4716: Every Day, Seniors Just Like You Get Food Stamps
Suggested Distribution:	Food Stamp Benefits Staff Temporary Assistance Staff MA Directors CAP Coordinators Employment Coordinators WMS Coordinators Staff Development Coordinators
Contact Person(s):	Policy Questions: Forms Questions: Kelly Whitney @ 1-800-343-8859, ext. 3-7991
Attachments:	Attachment 1-PUB-4716: Every Day, Seniors Just Like You Get Food Stamps
Attachment Available On – Line:	

Filing References

Previous ADMs/INFs	Releases Cancelled	Dept. Regs.	Soc. Serv. Law & Other Legal Ref.	Manual Ref.	Misc. Ref.

Section 2

I. Purpose

The purpose of this Informational Letter (INF) is to inform local districts that the **PUB-4716: Every Day, Seniors Just Like You Get Food Stamps** Brochure has been revised and reformatted (copy attached).

II. Background

This brochure was designed to encourage more seniors to apply for the Food Stamp Program. Every year the brochure is updated to provide this population with accurate income guidelines, as well as, current food stamp information.

III. Program Implications

The **PUB 4716: Every Day, Seniors Just Like You Get Food Stamps** Brochure is being revised to reflect the new 200% Federal Poverty Levels established October 1, 2009. Additionally, the following new information has been added:

- Applicants can own their own home and still be eligible for Food Stamps.
- Households may apply using the internet. For more information go to: www.myBenefits.ny.gov.

IV. Forms Ordering Information

- The revised English version of the PUB-4716: *“Every Day, Seniors Just Like You”* and the “other than English” Spanish version [PUB-4716-SP] are State printed. The revised “other than English” versions [PUB-4716-AR (Arabic), PUB-4716-CH (Chinese), PUB-4716-KO (Korean) and PUB-4716-RU (Russian)] are **not** State printed but are available to local districts in PDF format or as master camera ready copies. The procedures for ordering PDFs or master camera ready copies are listed below.
- The above referenced documents have also been posted on the OTDA Intranet website at http://otda.state.nyenet/ldss_eforms/default.htm and are available for downloading by local districts for reproduction locally.
- Upon the release of this INF all previous versions of the *“Every Day, Seniors Just Like You” brochure* **must immediately be destroyed** and replaced with the revised 12/09 version.
- Any future written requests for master camera ready copies of the English and “other than English” versions of the documents, should be submitted on OTDA-876: *“Request for Forms or Publications”*, and should be sent to:

Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance
BMS Document Services and Operational Support
PO Box 1990
Albany, NY 12201

- Questions concerning ordering forms should be directed to BMS Document Services at 1-800-343-8859, ext. 4-9522.
- Master camera ready copies of the documents may also be ordered through Outlook. To order a master camera ready copy you must obtain an OTDA-876 electronically by going to the OTDA Intranet Website at <http://otda.state.nyenet/> then to Division of Operations and Program Support page, then to PSQI E-forms page (this page contains the electronic OTDA-876).
- For those who do not have Outlook but who have Internet access for sending and receiving e-mail, the Internet e-mail address is: gg7359@dfa.state.ny.us . For a complete list of available forms, please refer to the OTDA Intranet site: http://otda.state.nyenet/ldss_eforms/default.htm .

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What Information Will You Need to Complete Your Application?

- Your name, date of birth and where you live.
- Social Security number.
- The names and ages of people who live with you.
- Your total household income.
- Your monthly expenses.

Please remember to sign your application and not to send in original documents — copies will do just fine.

For the local Social Services Office near you call 1-800-342-3009

Are you 60 years of age or older and having trouble making ends meet?

Every day, seniors just like you use Food Stamps to help buy nutritious food to help stay healthy.

Quickly check your eligibility for Food Stamps and a wide range of other supports at myBenefits.ny.gov

Call 1-800-342-3009 for more information about Food Stamp Benefits or visit www.otda.state.ny.us and click on “Programs and Services”



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Every Day, Seniors

JUST LIKE YOU



Get Food Stamps

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FOOD STAMP BENEFITS AND YOU!

Each year in New York, over a million people — just like YOU — help make ends meet, and improve their health and nutrition, by using Food Stamp Benefits. If you are eligible, you are entitled to receive Food Stamps — and you will not be taking them away from anyone. Food Stamps are here to help everyone who qualifies!



You may qualify for Food Stamps even if you work, receive Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and/or retirement benefits.

You may also be eligible even if you own a house and/or a car, have money in the bank, or live with others.

Once you qualify for Food Stamp Benefits, you will receive a plastic card that looks like a debit card and allows you to buy groceries at participating stores.

Easy Ways to Apply

- You can apply at your local Social Services Office — check your phone book or call 1-800-342-3009.
- You can mail your application to the Social Services Office for an interview at a later time.
- You may apply using the internet. For more information go to: www.myBenefits.ny.gov.
- You can have another adult apply for you.
- You can also have a phone interview if you can not get to the office for the interview or don't have anyone to go for you.

What Are the Income Guidelines?

The Food Stamp program uses income and certain verified expenses, such as shelter costs and medical expenses, in order to determine your eligibility and benefit amount.

Income Guidelines for Seniors 60 years of age or older:

Number in Your Household	Monthly Income*
1	\$1,805
2	\$2,428

*These guidelines are based on October 1, 2009 levels. Income levels change annually; this is just a guide.

You can still be eligible for Food Stamps even if you have money in your checking or savings accounts or own your own home.



If your income is more than the amounts listed, but you have high costs for housing, medical expenses and/or utilities, you MAY still be eligible for Food Stamp Benefits. Your Social Services worker will determine this for you.

