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**TO:** Commissioners; HEAP Coordinators; FS Directors; TA Directors

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**SUBJECT:** Second HEAP Emergency Benefit for 2010-11

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 28, 2011

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The purpose of this GIS is to inform districts that a second HEAP emergency benefit for heat and heat-related emergencies will be available effective Monday, March 28, 2011.

The second emergency benefit is the same as first emergency benefits. The benefit is \$700 for deliverable fuels and ranges from \$160 to \$560 for natural gas and electric emergencies, depending on the type of emergency situation.

Most applicants can apply by phone and will be eligible for income deeming. In addition, if the household is eligible for income deeming, there is no requirement to conduct a resource test since the resource test was met during the process for the first emergency benefit.

In order to maximize HEAP emergency funds, first and second emergencies may not be coupled, but must be issued separately.

Detailed instructions will be provided directly to HEAP Coordinators.