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Camden County SNAP Recipients to Receive Reimbursement

WOODBINE, GEORGIA – October 21, 2016 – Relief is now available for Camden County residents who receive Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits. Those recipients who lost food due to power outages during and after Hurricane Matthew will be receiving replacement benefits. The USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) recently approved a waiver to allow for mass replacement of SNAP benefits to Georgians in 12 counties that suffered mass power outages during the storm.

“The number of SNAP replacement requests were overwhelming after Hurricane Matthew,” said Mary Beth Lukich, chief information officer with the Georgia Department of Family and Children Services. “Given the number of households involved, the division worked in partnership with the USDA FNS to receive a waiver that allows for mass replacement in the 12 affected counties.” Mass replacement allows for 30% of September Benefits.

The 12 affected counties eligible for the 30% replacement include Brantley, Bryan, Bulloch, Camden, Charlton, Chatham, Effingham, Glynn, Liberty, McIntosh, Screven and Wayne. These counties will automatically receive a replacement of 30 percent of September 2016 benefits. No action is required. The September replacement benefits will automatically be uploaded to EBT cards as soon as possible, but no later than October 28. October benefits will not be affected.

The waiver eliminates the requirement for SNAP recipients in these counties to provide documentation verifying a power outage. Officials with DFCS, working with local power companies and the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency, verified the mass outages in the 12 counties as part of the waiver application.

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Recipients who experienced a loss of food due to Hurricane Matthew, but who do not reside in one of the counties covered by the waiver, must complete a Food Loss Replacement Form, which can be found at the DFCS website at dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov/emergency-food-stamp-benefits-replacement. The form must be returned to the local DFCS office no later than November 7, 2016.

About Camden County: Located in the extreme southeast corner of Georgia, Camden County truly is “Georgia’s Coastal Community of Choice.” Originally formed in 1777, Camden County is best known for its rich history, natural scenic beauty and Southern hospitality. Our vision is helping to make this the best place to live by preserving and enhancing the history and quality of life, while promoting smart growth and providing an efficient, effective and responsive government.

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