

CHANGE NOTICE FOR MANUAL

DATE: March 25, 2013
MANUAL: Food and Nutrition Services Certification Manual
TO: County Directors of Social Services
CHANGE NO.: 1-2013

SUBJECT: SNAP Allotment Mass Change

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 2013

I. BACKGROUND

The purpose of this change notice is to make changes regarding the Simplified Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) allotment mass change and to make updates and corrections to the Food and Nutrition Services Certification Manual.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) conducted a cost evaluation of North Carolina's SNAP project and has mandated the following adjustment in benefits. Effective with the April 1, 2013 allotment, the SNAP Program benefit amount for households currently receiving \$124 per month will decrease to \$103 per month. Households currently receiving \$68 per month will decrease to \$55.

II. SPECIFIC CHANGES

Section 600, Simplified Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP)

1. References to and procedures for the Food Stamp Information System (FSIS) have been removed and replaced with North Carolina Families Accessing Services through Technology (NC FAST).
2. The allotment amounts have been updated in Section 600.02.
3. Clarification has been added regarding verification of third party reports in Section 600.08.
4. Corrections have been made to SNAP report names and their description in Section 600.13. Report SLA806EP, which was a one time report, has been removed.

III. IMPLEMENTATION INSTRUCTIONS

A mass change will be performed by NC FAST to decrease the April 2013 benefit allotment for each SNAP household.

These changes are effective April 1, 2013.

IV. INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE FOOD and NUTRITION SERVICES MANUAL

To maintain your current hard copy of the Food and Nutrition Services User's Manual:

1. Go to the DSS On-Line Manuals Change Notice website at <http://info.dhhs.state.nc.us/olm/manuals/dss/ei-30/chg/>
2. Click on Change No. 1-2013
3. Click on the attachment links at the bottom of the page to print the changed sections and attached documents.
4. Open the files using Adobe Acrobat Reader and print the pages. Insert or replace the appropriate pages in your current hard copy as indicated below.

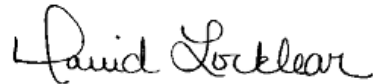
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If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact your FNS State Support Team directly via email.

Sincerely,



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