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Time extended for some SNAP recipients to request replacement benefits

Extra time granted for clients in Crawford, Faulkner, Jackson, Jefferson and Perry counties affected by flooding

On February 5, 2016, the president declared 11 counties in Arkansas as disasters due to flooding from December 26, 2015 to January 22, 2016.

Some SNAP recipients in these areas may have purchased food, with SNAP benefits they received for December 2015 and January 2016 that was destroyed as a result of the floods. Those benefits can be replaced. Since some recipients were unable to contact the DHS county office to request these replacement benefits in the allotted time due to transportation or other hardships, the U.S. Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) has granted a waiver of the 10-day reporting requirement for those affected households. These SNAP recipients will have until March 25, 2016, to report their SNAP food loss and request replacement benefits.

The waiver will be granted for clients in Crawford, Faulkner, Jackson, Jefferson and Perry counties.

Clients who have questions or want to report a food loss due to the storms and flooding that occurred from December 26, 2015 to January 22, 2016, should contact their local County DHS office.

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