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REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

April 30, 2009

ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-35-09

- State Law Change
- Federal Law or Regulation Change
- Court Order
- Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- Initiated by CDSS

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL FOOD STAMP COORDINATORS
ALL CONSORTIUM PROJECT MANAGERS
ALL QUALITY CONTROL COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: FOOD STAMP PROGRAM INFORMATIONAL HANDOUT FOR CLIENTS ABOUT THE INCREASE IN FOOD STAMP BENEFITS AS A RESULT OF THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009

The purpose of this letter is to transmit informational flyers developed by the Food and Nutrition Service in English and Spanish for counties to use as a tool to help raise awareness of increased food stamp benefits. The flyer was developed as a result of provisions in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and modeled for use in California.

County Welfare Departments are encouraged, but not required, to use these handouts to assist households more fully understand how they will be affected by the increased benefits.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Alicia Thomason at (916) 657-2630.

Sincerely,

Original Document Signed By:

CHRISTINE WEBB-CURTIS, Chief
Food Stamp Branch

Attachment

Your Food Stamp Benefits Are Going Up!



Why are my benefits going up?

- There is a new law called the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. You might have heard it called the **stimulus package**.
- Because of the law, you get more food stamp benefits.



How can I use the extra benefits?

- Use your extra benefits to **buy food** at your grocery store.
- In some places, **nutrition education** is offered to help you and your family learn to choose healthy food on a budget and be more active.



How do I get the extra benefits?

- You get the extra benefits starting **April 2009**.
- The extra benefits will be **added automatically** to your EBT card. You do not have to do anything.



How much extra do I get?

- Some households with 1 or 2 people who get the minimum benefit of \$14 a month may get \$16 a month starting in April. Others may get more.
- **Look at the table** below to see how much more you may get each month.
- For example: If there are 3 people in your household and right now you get \$250 each month, then in April, you would get \$313 each month. ($\$250 + \$63 = \313)



People in Household	Increase
1	+ \$24
2	+ \$44
3	+ \$63
4	+ \$80
5	+ \$95
6	+ \$114
7	+ \$126
8	+ \$144
Each extra person	+ \$18

Note: This chart shows the additional amount most households in the lower 48 States and the District of Columbia will receive. Hawaii, Alaska, Guam, and the Virgin Islands have different tables.



¡Sus beneficios de estampillas para comida van a aumentar!



¿Por qué van a aumentar mis beneficios?

- Hay una nueva ley titulada la “Ley de Recuperación y Reinversión Americana del 2009” (*American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009*). Tal vez la conozca como el **paquete de estímulo económico** (*stimulus package*).
- Gracias a esta ley, usted recibe más beneficios de estampillas para comida.



¿Cómo puedo usar estos beneficios adicionales?

- Use estos beneficios adicionales para **comprar alimentos** en la tienda.
- En algunos lugares, ofrecen **educación acerca de la nutrición** para ayudarle a usted y a su familia a escoger alimentos saludables, sin sobrepasar su presupuesto para comida. También incluyen información para ayudarle a usted y a su familia a ser más activos.



¿Cómo recibo los beneficios adicionales?

- Usted recibirá los beneficios adicionales comenzando en **abril del 2009**.
- Estos beneficios adicionales serán depositados automáticamente en su tarjeta EBT. Usted no necesita hacer nada.



¿Cuánto más recibiré?

- Es posible que algunos grupos para fines de estampillas para comida (grupo) con 1 ó 2 personas que reciben la cantidad mínima de \$14 mensuales reciban \$16 mensuales comenzando en abril. Es posible que otros grupos reciban más.
- **Vea la tabla** a continuación para ver cuánto más pudiera recibir mensualmente.
- Por ejemplo: Si hay 3 personas en su grupo y actualmente reciben \$250 al mes, en abril, el grupo pudiera recibir \$313 cada mes ($\$250 + \$63 = \313).



Aviso: Este cuadro muestra la cantidad adicional que la mayoría de los 48 estados en el continente y el Distrito de Colombia recibirán. Los estados de Hawaii, Alaska, Guam, y las Islas Vírgenes tienen tablas diferentes.

Personas en el grupo	Aumento
1	+ \$24
2	+ \$44
3	+ \$63
4	+ \$80
5	+ \$95
6	+ \$114
7	+ \$126
8	+ \$144
Cada persona adicional	+ \$18

