## NOTICE TO FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES RECIPIENTS

## Effective July 1, 2021

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 signed on March 11, 2021, extends increases to the Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) maximum allotments from January 1, 2021, through September 30, 2021.

The 15% increase in the maximum benefit amount for households receiving FNS has been extended for the period of allotments from January 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021. The increase will end on September 30, 2021 and benefit amounts will return to their current levels.

You have the right to a fair hearing of your case if you do not agree with our decision. You can request a fair hearing by letting your local county department of social services know of your request. You may request the hearing in person, by telephone, or in writing. The hearing may be requested by any member of your FNS unit or by your representative, including an attorney obtained at your own expense. Free legal advice may be available. Contact your nearest Legal Services Office.

You have 90 calendar days from July 1, 2021 to ask for a hearing. If you do not ask for a hearing by 09/29/2021, you cannot have one.

To find out what your benefits are, Download the ebtEDGE mobile app. The app is available as a free download on the <u>Apple Store</u> and <u>Google</u> <u>Play</u> or call Customer Service at 1-888-622-7328 on the day you normally receive benefits.

If you have any other questions about these changes, contact your local Department of Social Services.