

North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Division of Social Services

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September 20, 2005

Re: Notice to Food Stamp Recipients Impacted by Hurricane Katrina

Dear County Director of Social Services:

Attention: Food Stamp Supervisors

The United States Department of Agriculture instructed States to provide all Food Stamp recipients who fled the area devastated by Hurricane Katrina the maximum allotment amount for the household size for the month of September 2005. Attached is a sample of the notice that Food Stamp recipients impacted by Hurricane Katrina will receive regarding the supplemental issuance.

All food stamp cases coded as Hurricane Katrina cases that did not receive maximum benefits for September 2005 will receive an automated supplement equal to the difference in benefits received and the maximum allotment amount. Identified recipients will also receive a laser printed notice containing general information about the additional benefits. Supplements will be added on the night of September 20 and notices will be mailed shortly thereafter.

A report entitled Hurricane Katrina Evacuee Cases Issued Automatic Supplements will be available in NCXPTR on September 21, 2005. A separate report entitled Hurricane Katrina Evacuee Cases Not Issued Automatic Supplements will also be available.

If you have any questions about this notice, please contact your Food Assistance and Energy Programs Representative.

Sincerely,

Ene Schwarter

Jane Schwartz, Chief Economic Services Section

Attachment FAEP-20-2005