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**SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) ELECTRONIC
BENEFIT TRANSFER (EBT) RETAILERS and PROSPECTIVE RETAILERS**

The Department of Public Health and Social Services would like to inform the public that on February 7, 2014, Congress passed the Agriculture Act of 2014, P.L. 113-79, which reauthorized the SNAP. The Act mandated SNAP to implement the following immediately:

- SNAP retailers must pay for their own EBT equipment. Retailers will no longer be offered free EBT equipment, supplies and related services to participate in SNAP.
- Retailers that became SNAP, authorized on or before March 21, 2014, and who have already been given free EBT equipment may continue to use the EBT equipment and services for free until September 21, 2014
- Retailers with contracts authorized as of March 21, 2014 and received by JP Morgan through the end of March 2014 may use the EBT equipment and services for free until September 21, 2014.
- SNAP-authorized retailers should arrange for lease or purchase of EBT equipment and services as soon as they can in order to ensure continued participation in SNAP. EXCEPTIONS: Eligible farmers market, direct-marketing farmers, military commissaries, non-profit continues to qualify for free EBT equipment and services until further notice.
- New SNAP retailers cannot use manual vouchers to redeem SNAP benefits. All new SNAP retailers must redeem benefits electronically through a commercial point-of-sale device, which they must obtain and pay for as discussed above.

For more information, please call Vicki Weihe of JP Morgan at (605) 987-4463 or e-mail her at Vicki.j.weihe@jpmchase.com

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