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**Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)**

The Department of Public Health and Social Services would like to inform the public of the decrease in SNAP benefits which will take effect on November 01, 2013.

Every October 1, SNAP benefits are adjusted to reflect changes in the cost of living. In April 2009, a law called The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 raised SNAP benefits to help people affected by the recession, however, the increased benefits provided by this law will expire on November 1, 2013.

SNAP recipients will see two changes in their benefit amounts:

- First, benefits will increase slightly for most households on October 1, 2013 to reflect the cost of food.
- Second, most families will see their benefits decrease on November 1, 2013 due to expiration of ARRA of 2009.

How much will SNAP benefits change on November 01, 2013?

Your benefits depend on many things – income, household size and expenses. It is hard to say how your benefits will change. Table below gives you an idea of what the reduced amount might be for households that have **no income**.

**SNAP Maximum Monthly Benefit Levels**

| HOUSEHOLD SIZE | October 01, 2013<br>(ARRA stimulus levels) | November 1, 2013 | Difference |
|----------------|--|------------------|------------|
| 1              | \$295                                      | \$279            | -\$16      |
| 2              | \$541                                      | \$512            | -\$29      |
| 3              | \$775                                      | \$733            | -\$42      |
| 4              | \$985                                      | \$931            | -\$54      |
| 5              | \$1169                                     | \$1106           | -\$63      |
| 6              | \$1403                                     | \$1327           | -\$76      |
| 7              | \$1551                                     | \$1467           | -\$84      |
| 8              | \$1773                                     | \$1676           | -\$97      |
| Add on         | \$222                                      | \$210            | -\$12      |

For additional information, please call 735-7245 (Central and Southern) or 635-7488 (Northern) or visit your respective center.



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