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## Simplified Reporting for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly known as the Food Stamp Program)

J. Peter Roberto, DPHSS Director, announces that since February 1, 2009, the Guam Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as the Food Stamp Program, transformed from the old reporting system called the Change Reporting system to the Simplified Reporting (SR) system. The intent of the SR system is to reduce the amount of hardship caused on clients in constantly reporting changes.

In the past, clients were required to report all changes within 10 days when a change occurred. Now, under the SR system, clients are only required to report two changes: **change in address** or **when the household (HH) income goes above 130% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)**. These changes must be reported by the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the following month.

Despite the transformation into the SR system, clients continue to report change in income below the 130%FPL. To better assist our clients in their understanding of the 130%FPL for their HH size, we have provided the FPL table for reference:

130%FPL MONTHLY INCOME LIMITS (FY 2010)	
<i>(NOTE - Monthly Income Limits are subject to change per fiscal year)</i>	
HOUSEHOLD SIZE	GROSS MONTHLY INCOME (130% OF FPL)
1	\$1,174
2	\$1,579
3	\$1,984
4	\$2,389
5	\$2,794
6	\$3,200
7	\$3,605
8	\$4,010
9	\$4,416
10	\$4,822
11	\$5,228
12	\$5,634
13	\$6,040
14	\$6,446
15	\$6,852
Each Additional Member	\$406

As a note, some households will receive an Interim Change Report (ICR) on the fifth month of their certification period in which income and other circumstances from month five must be reported. This ICR is due before the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the following month (which is the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the sixth month of the certification period). If you fail to submit the ICR timely, your case may be terminated and you will have to reapply for SNAP benefits. Elderly or disabled households **without earned income** are exempt from the ICR requirement.

Should you need immediate information, please contact the Division of Public Welfare, Bureau of Economic Security, Program Management Section, at 735-7285/366/313/426 or Elsa S. Perez., Acting Administrator at 735-7359.



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