



**FNS Response to Southwest/Southeast Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Flooding**

**CLOSEOUT REPORT**

FNS approved the following waivers to assist Alabama, Arkansas, Florida and Mississippi in meeting the nutrition assistance needs of FNS program participants and low-income residents impacted by severe storms, straight-line winds, tornadoes, and flooding that occurred from April 27-28, 2014:

**Alabama**

**Approval to extend the time SNAP recipients in Baldwin, Jefferson, Lee and Limestone Counties have to report loss of food purchased with April 2014 SNAP benefits and request replacement benefits**

SNAP recipients in these four counties that experienced loss of food purchased with April 2014 SNAP benefits due to the April 28 severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding could request **Replacement** benefits from their local offices until **May 19**. The replacements were for the amount of the loss, not to exceed the monthly allotment for that household, after receipt of a signed affidavit which was filed in the case record. *(Approved May 9, 2014)*

**Alabama Department of Human Resources SNAP website:**  
[http://dhr.alabama.gov/services/food\\_assistance/food\\_assistance\\_division.aspx](http://dhr.alabama.gov/services/food_assistance/food_assistance_division.aspx)

**FEMA Declared Disaster Counties:**  
<http://www.fema.gov/disaster/4176/designated-areas>

**Arkansas**

**Approval to operate a Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP) in Faulkner, Pulaski, Randolph, and White Counties**

In **Faulkner County**, the State accepted applications for up to seven days, beginning on Monday, May 12, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM, including the weekend. The State hosted the following 3 sites in Faulkner County along with roving mobile enrollment units:

- ❖ **AR DHS Office**  
1000 East Siebenmorgen  
Conway, AR 72033-0310  
Phone – (501) 730-9900
  
- ❖ **DRC**  
600 Hwy 365  
Mayflower, AR
  
- ❖ **DRC**  
1122 Main Street (US Highway 64 B)  
Vilonia, AR

In **Randolph and White Counties**, the State accepted applications for up to seven days, beginning on Monday, May 19, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM, at the local SNAP offices and from a mobile enrollment unit in the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in **Pulaski County**.

Only households who resided in Faulkner, Pulaski, Randolph, and White Counties on April 27, 2014, and who suffered disaster-related adverse effects from the severe storms and tornadoes were eligible for D-SNAP. Households that experienced food loss as their only adverse effect were not considered eligible for D-SNAP assistance.

Ongoing SNAP recipients seeking assistance had to submit an affidavit attesting to their disaster-related expenses or other disaster-related adverse effects in person at a D-SNAP application site in order to receive **Supplemental** disaster benefits up to the maximum allotment for the household size. SNAP recipients that experienced loss of food purchased with April 2014 SNAP benefits due to the April 27 severe storms and tornadoes could also request **Replacement** benefits from their local offices until **May 27** in Pulaski, Randolph, and White Counties and until **May 28** in Faulkner County. The replacements were for the amount of the loss, not to exceed the monthly allotment for that household, after receipt of a signed affidavit which was filed in the case record. *(Approved May 6, 2014; Pulaski, Randolph, and White Counties approved for D-SNAP May 15, 2014)*

**Arkansas Department of Human Services SNAP website:**

<http://humanservices.arkansas.gov/dco/Pages/SupportServices.aspx>

**FEMA Declared Disaster Counties:**

<http://www.fema.gov/disaster/4174/designated-areas>

## **Florida**

**Approval to extend the time SNAP recipients in Escambia, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa and Walton Counties have to report loss of food purchased with April 2014 SNAP benefits and request replacement benefits**

SNAP recipients in these four counties that experienced loss of food purchased with April 2014 SNAP benefits due to flooding that began on April 30 could request **Replacement** benefits from their local offices until **May 22**. The replacements were for the amount of the loss, not to exceed the monthly allotment for that household, after receipt of a signed affidavit which was filed in the case record. *(Approved May 8, 2014)*

**Florida Department of Children and Families Food Assistance website:**

<http://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/access-florida-food-medical-assistance-cash/food-assistance-and-suncap>

**FEMA Declared Disaster Counties:**

<http://www.fema.gov/disaster/4177/designated-areas>

## **Mississippi**

**Approval to operate a Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP) in Itawamba, Jones, Leake, Lee, Lowndes, Madison, Montgomery, Rankin, Simpson, Wayne, Warren, and Winston Counties**

The State accepted applications May 12-14, between the hours of 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM, at Mississippi Department of Human Services County offices, with the exception of Rankin County, where applications were taken at the Old

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“Jitney Building” ([click here](#) for detailed application location information). Only households who resided or worked in these 12 counties on April 27, 2014, and who suffered disaster-related adverse effects from the severe storms and tornadoes were eligible for certification using D-SNAP criteria. Households that experienced food loss as their only adverse effect were not considered eligible for D-SNAP assistance. (*Approved May 7, 2014; Jones, Leake, Montgomery, Simpson, and Warren Counties approved for D-SNAP May 8, 2014*)

Current SNAP recipients that experienced loss of food purchased with April 2014 SNAP benefits due to the April 27 severe storms and tornadoes could request **replacement** benefits from their local offices until **May 16**. The replacements were for the amount of the loss, not to exceed the monthly allotment for that household, after receipt of a signed affidavit which was filed in the case record. (*Approved May 2, 2014*)

Current SNAP households that requested replacement benefits following the disaster were issued a supplemental issuance up to the maximum allotment for the household size. Ongoing SNAP clients who did not request replacement benefits but who experienced other disaster-related adverse effects may have filed an affidavit requesting a disaster **supplement** at the D-SNAP application sites. The State provided affidavits by mail to ongoing households as requested by phone.

**Mississippi Department of Human Services SNAP website** (*see scrolling message at the top of the page*):  
[http://www.mdhs.state.ms.us/field-operations/programs/supplemental-nutrition-assistance-program-\(snap\)](http://www.mdhs.state.ms.us/field-operations/programs/supplemental-nutrition-assistance-program-(snap))

**FEMA Declared Disaster Counties:**

<http://www.fema.gov/disaster/4175/designated-areas>

If you think you may be eligible for disaster food assistance in your State, please contact your local State office:  
<http://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/outreach/map.htm>.

For more information and resources, please visit the FNS Web site at:  
[www.fns.usda.gov/disaster](http://www.fns.usda.gov/disaster)

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