General Information Memorandum

ISD-GI 13-52

TO: ISD Employees
FROM: Marilyn Martinez, Acting Director, Income Support Division
RE: Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR): Provisional Process for FDPIR Applicants to SNAP during lapse in Federal Government Funding

DATE: October 11, 2013

Due to the lapse in federal government funding, the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), did not receive funding for the month of October. At this time, no contingency or other funds are available to support the continued distribution of food to FDPIR recipients.

In an effort to assist FDPIR recipients with feeding their families, NM ISD will be accepting applications and determining eligibility for current FDPIR recipients meeting SNAP eligibility requirements and who have opted not to accept a reduced benefit from FDPIR.

It is anticipated that a majority of FDPIR recipients will be eligible for SNAP as the guidelines for FDPIR are below those for SNAP. In order to alleviate the application process, FDPIR sites are asked to provide those households opting to apply for SNAP with the Termination of Program (TOP) form indicating non-receipt of FDPIR benefits for the current month.

Individuals who receive an FDPIR distribution, no matter the size, are ineligible for SNAP benefits for the month of October.

During this lapse of funding, please process all applications accordingly. If a TOP form is not provided, please contact the FDPIR site located in your area to validate the individual(s) in the household did not receive any FDPIR benefit prior to determining eligibility for the month of October. The list of FDPIR/ISD Partners, offices, contacts and phone numbers can be found in IPP 13-06. If FDPIR sites have closed, please process using expedited postponed verification procedures.

If additional information is needed, please contact Rita Montoya Paz at 505-827-7286 or via e-mail at rita.paz@state.nm.us.

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