North Carolina Division of Social Services
____________________County Department of Social Services

SIMPLIFIED NUTRITIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)
Notice of Expiration

(Name and Address)                   (DSS Name and Address)

Why Am I Receiving This Notice?
We are writing to tell you that your Food and Nutrition Services will stop after ______________ unless you or your representative complete this application and return it to your local Department of Social Services by ______________. Your benefits may stop or be late unless we receive your application by this date. You will automatically receive Food and Nutrition Services monthly if your paperwork is complete and you continue to be eligible for SNAP.

How Do I Continue Receiving My SNAP Benefits?
Answer the questions below, sign this letter, and send it back to us in the enclosed envelope. We will send you a letter to tell you if you continue to be eligible for Food and Nutrition Services.

1. Does your spouse live in the home? Yes ☐ No ☐
   If yes, list their name and date of birth __________________________________

2. How much do you pay for rent, mortgage, and/or lot rent each month? ________

3. Do other people live with you? Yes ☐ No ☐ If yes, how many? __________
   If yes, do you buy and cook your food separately? Yes ☐ No ☐

4. Do you pay to heat your home? Yes ☐ No ☐
   Type of heat: (Circle one) Fuel Oil  Natural Gas  LP Gas  Electricity  Wood  Coal  Kerosene

5. Do you or anyone in your household get food from the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations? Yes ☐ No ☐

How Can I Get More Information About SNAP?
If you would like additional information, please call your local Department of Social Services at ________________________ or contact the DHHS Customer Services Center at 1-800-662-7030. We will be glad to answer your questions.

By signing this application, I am saying that I understand the attached form explaining the Food and Nutrition Services Program information and my rights and responsibilities.

Address where you live:
Street                                     City                   State                                Zip Code

X Applicant Signature       Date                         Area Code and Phone Number

X Witness Signature (If signed with an “X”)       Date

PLEASE READ INFORMATION ON BACK OF THIS PAGE
What Happens After I Return My Application to Social Services?
Once we receive this signed application, we will determine if you continue to be eligible for SNAP. Eligible household will not need an interview, but may be contacted if application is incomplete. We will send you a letter telling you about your benefits. This letter will explain your right to request a fair hearing if you are not satisfied with our decision on your application. If you do not agree with the decision made on your case, follow the instructions on the letter to request a hearing.

What If I Need Someone to Apply For or Use My SNAP Benefits For Me?
If you want someone other than yourself to use, or obtain information about your benefits, please check the box below. If you check Yes, we will mail you a form. You and the person you want to help can complete the form and return it to our office. This person will receive an EBT card and will have access to your Food and Nutrition Services benefits.

I need someone to help me get and use my benefits. Yes □ No □

Thank you for your continued participation in the Simplified Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP). We hope this way of receiving benefits will be easier for you and prove to be more helpful in purchasing food.

Language Preference
Do you want to receive your notices in a language other than English? If yes, what language?

______________________

For Agency Use Only – Do Not Write In Space Below
Approved □ Certification Period: From_________________ to_________________
Denied □ Reason for Denial: _____________________________________________
Certification Worker Signature: _____________________________________________
Date of Disposition: _______________________________________________________
Comments: __________________________________________________________________________
What Is SNAP?
SNAP is a simplified version of the Food and Nutrition Services Program that seeks to deliver food to older adults in a new way. Many Food and Nutrition Services Program rules do not apply. Eligible household will not need an interview, but may be contacted if application is incomplete. SNAP is a six-year project that arose from a partnership between the North Carolina Division of Social Services and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service.

Who Is Eligible?
DSS identified and mailed applications to individuals who receive SSI, and:
- Are age 65 or older;
- Are not living in an institution;
- Live in North Carolina; and
- Buy and cook food separate from other people living in the home.

What Am I Going to Receive?
If you are eligible for SNAP, we will automatically deposit either $70 or $130 into your Food and Nutrition Services benefits account every month. The amount you receive depends on your monthly rent or mortgage amount. We will send you a plastic card called an EBT Card that you can use to purchase most food items at participating grocery stores across the State. This method of receiving benefits is called Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT). You may allow another person to get an EBT card so that person can use your benefits to purchase food for you. After applying for the program, you will receive an EBT card and instructions for using it if you are eligible.

Note: If your rent or mortgage expenses are more than $250 per month, or your medical expenses are more than $35 per month, you may qualify for more benefits by applying for the regular Food and Nutrition Services Program. If you want to apply for the regular Food and Nutrition Services Program, you or your representative must contact your local DSS agency to apply.

What Are My Rights?
In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, religious creed, disability, age, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:
Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
Fax: (202) 690-7442; or
Mail: program.intake@usda.gov.
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Will My Information Be Kept Confidential?

Federal and State laws and regulations limit the use of confidential information for applicants and recipients of the Food and Nutrition Services Program. This information is used for purposes directly related to the administration of these programs.

We use your Social Security Number (SSN) to collect information from sources other than DSS to:

- Make sure your household is eligible for benefits;
- Check the identity of household members;
- Prevent households from getting more benefits than they should; and
- Identify groups of cases that must be changed.

We do this through program reviews, audits, or computer matching with other agencies such as the Social Security Administration, Internal Revenue Service, and data matching sources.

What Are The Penalties For Misusing My Benefits?

- Don't hide or give wrong information on purpose to get Food and Nutrition Services Benefits.
- Don't use Food and Nutrition Services Benefits to buy non-food items like alcohol or tobacco.
- Don't use Food and Nutrition Services Benefits to buy or sell firearms, ammunition, explosives, or illegal drugs.
- Don't trade or sell your Food and Nutrition Services Benefits.
- Don't use someone else's Food and Nutrition Services Benefits for yourself.
- Don't use your Food and Nutrition Services Benefits for someone else.
- Don't use your Food and Nutrition Services Benefits to pay on any kind of credit account.

If you intentionally break any of the rules above you may not be able to get any more Food and Nutrition Services benefits from one year to permanently, and may be fined up to $250,000 and/or jailed up to twenty years.

Giving wrong information may also mean we will reduce your benefits, or you may be required to repay benefits.