

DSS ADMINISTRATIVE LETTER ECONOMIC AND FAMILY SERVICES

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**Hurricane Matthew 2016 Hot Food Waiver
(October 14, 2016)**

(Food and Nutrition Services)

TO: County Directors of Social Services

ATTENTION: Food and Nutrition Services Managers and Supervisors

DATE: October 14, 2016

SUBJECT: Hurricane Matthew Hot Food Waiver

EFFECTIVE: October 14, 2016

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

On October 8, 2016, Hurricane Matthew brought severe flooding and power outages to many counties in eastern and central North Carolina. Many families and individuals were directly impacted by Hurricane Matthew which forced them to temporarily relocate to shelters, with family members, and others within surrounding and bordering counties.

II. POLICY PROCEDURES

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has approved a Hot Food Waiver for all Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) recipients in North Carolina. This waiver allows any FNS recipient to purchase hot prepared food from EBT-authorized retailers anywhere in North Carolina. This does not include restaurants or other non-EBT authorized retailers. USDA will provide notification to retailers, and a state press release will be made available. The Department is in communication with the North Carolina Retail Merchants Association to ensure all authorized retailers are aware of this waiver. Social media, press releases, other media outlets and state partners will be used to notify FNS recipients of this waiver.

III. IMPLEMENTATION INSTRUCTIONS

The Hot Food Waiver is effective October 14, 2016 and will end on November 14, 2016. Submit any questions regarding this information to the DHHS Operational Support Team (OST) at ost.policy.questions@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,



David Locklear, Chief
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