

NOTICE TO ALL FOOD STAMP RECIPIENTS

IMPORTANT — PLEASE READ

Things You Need to Know

Effective October 1, 2008:

- All of the money you pay for someone to take care of your children or dependent person, while you work or go to school, is now used to lower your income. Before, only \$175 or \$200 (for each dependent) could be used to lower your income. Overall, your benefits will increase if child care/dependent care costs you pay are more than \$175/\$200 for each child or dependent.
- All "tax preferred" saving for education (e.g. #529s) and retirement accounts (e.g. IRAs) are not used to decide if your resources are over \$2,000 (or \$3,000 if you are elderly or disabled).
- The lowest amount of food stamps for one to two person households that get cash aid has changed from \$10 to \$14. Each year there may be a change above \$14 because it is figured on the inflation rate.
- If you do not use your EBT card for 180 days your benefits will be put into an inactive account. After 365 days, you will lose the benefits in the inactive account.
- If you have any paper food stamps you must use them by June 18, 2009. If you do not, you must contact the county to change them to an EBT card by June 17, 2009.

You will get a notice about these changes and any other changes to your household status that makes your food stamp benefit different than it was before.

If you think we made a mistake in figuring your October benefits due to the new amounts, you may ask for a state hearing **within 90 days of when you got this letter** by writing to:

or you may call toll free: 1-800-952-5253. If you are deaf and use TDD, call 1-800-952-8349. When you ask for a state hearing, you must tell us why you think we made a mistake. You can speak for yourself at the hearing or you can have a friend, attorney, or other person speak for you, but you must get these people to help you. You may ask for free legal aid at a legal aid office in your area.

致所有糧食券領取者的通知

重要 — 請閱讀

你需要知道的事情

從 2008 年 10 月 1 日起：

- 所有你的錢在你工作或上學時用作支付照顧你的小孩的人或未成年人，現在是用來降低你的收入。在這之前，只有 \$175 或 \$200（每一個未成年人）是用來降低你的收入。整體來說，你的福利會被提高如果你支付每一個小孩的托兒照顧 / 未成年人照顧費用是多過 \$175 / \$200。
- 所有稅收優先儲蓄用作教育（例如 #529s）和退休帳戶（例如 IRAs）不是用在決定之上，如果你的收入是超過 \$2000（或者 \$3000 如果你是老年人或者是傷殘的話）。
- 一個至兩個人的家庭糧食券最低金額可以拿的現金補助已由 \$10 增加到 \$14。因為計算是基於通貨膨脹率，每年或會有高出 \$14 的增加。
- 如果你沒有使用你的 EBT 卡 180 天，你的福利將會被放在一個無效的帳戶。365 天之後，你會失去在這無效帳戶裡的福利。
- 如果你有任何糧食券的話，你必需在 2009 年 6 月 18 日之前用完。假如你沒有的話，你必需在 2009 年 6 月 17 日之前聯絡郡政府更換為 EBT 卡。

假如你認為我們因為新金額計算你十月份糧食券時造成了錯誤，你可以請求州聽證，**你須在收到這封信後 90 天以內**寫信給：

或者你可以打免費電話：1-800-952-5253。假如你耳聾，並使用 TDD（耳聾電傳機），請撥 1-800-952-8349。在你請求州聽證時，你必須告訴我們，為何你認為我們造成了錯誤。聽證時你可以為自己講話，或是你可以請朋友，律師，或其他人為你講話，但是必須由你找這些人來幫助你。你可以在你地區的法律諮詢所請求免費的法律協助。

你將收到通知書，告訴你這些改變以及其他一些使得你的糧食券福利不同於以前的家庭狀況的改變。