

INFORMATION FOR STATE AGENCIES

As of June 17, 2009, paper food stamp coupons no longer have any value and cannot be used by SNAP recipients. SNAP recipients can no longer use paper food stamp coupons as payment towards a recipient SNAP claim and States can no longer accept paper coupons as a form of payment. Coupons returned to the State agency after June 17, 2009 have no value. They must not be accepted in payment of a recipient claim and they must not be reported on the FNS-209 as a collection. In addition, any coupons turned into the State agency after June 17, 2009 must not be reported as returns on the FNS-46 since such coupons no longer have any value. While such coupons must still be destroyed, it is no longer necessary to complete an FNS-571 for coupons that have no value.