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**REMINDER: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (Food Stamp) clients impacted by flooding have until April 13 to request replacement benefits**

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services reminds Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program clients who lost food due to spring flooding or related power outages, that they have until April 13 to seek replacement benefits. To receive the extra help, current clients must report their loss to a county social service office and sign an affidavit by the deadline.

Program director Arlene Dura said that state announced the extra help on March 27 and has received five requests to date. Dura said the replacement program is “dollar for dollar.” An affected household that requests replacement benefits and received a \$75 food assistance benefit in March would receive an additional \$75 issued to their EBT account.

Dura said program clients with damaged, destroyed, or misplaced EBT cards can obtain replacement cards from any county social service office. Individuals with questions about their benefits can contact the N.D. Department of Human Services at 800-755-2716.

In February 2009, the federally funded Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly called Food Stamps) served 51,500 qualifying low-income North Dakotans.

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