



Food Distribution National Policy Memorandum

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POLICY NO: FD-072: Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)

SUBJECT: FDPIR Households Displaced During a Disaster

This memorandum provides guidance on the continued eligibility of FDPIR households temporarily displaced from their homes by a Presidentially-declared disaster and relocated to temporary housing in an area that is not served by FDPIR (i.e., an area that is not located on a reservation, in a near area, nor in an FNS service area in Oklahoma).

If a household in these circumstances continues to meet all FDPIR eligibility criteria other than the residency requirement at section 4210 of FNS Handbook 501, the household would continue to be eligible for FDPIR benefits while the household is in temporary housing status as a result of the disaster. For the purposes of determining continued eligibility for FDPIR, a household displaced under a Presidentially-declared disaster and relocated to temporary housing is considered to be a resident of the area from which it was displaced.

When the household is no longer in temporary housing status as a result of the disaster, the household must relocate to housing in an area served by FDPIR to maintain eligibility for FDPIR benefits in accordance with section 4210 of FNS Handbook 501. A household may lose temporary housing status under different situations, e.g., the household may choose to leave the temporary housing or the temporary housing provided as a result of the disaster may no longer be available to the household. If the household chooses not to relocate to housing in an area served by FDPIR, the household would no longer meet the residency requirement for FDPIR at section 4210 of FNS Handbook 501.

Households that are relocated to temporary housing where meals are provided would not continue to be eligible for FDPIR. In accordance with section 3416 of FNS Handbook 501, individuals that receive meals in conjunction with their housing are considered boarders or residents of institutions and are not eligible for FDPIR.

Indian Tribal Organizations (ITO) and State agencies are not required to establish temporary tailgate distribution sites in areas not served by FDPIR for households displaced as a result of a disaster. At the option of the ITO/State agency, accommodations may be made to serve these households, such as adjusting hours of operations for commodity issuances, assisting households in designating authorized

representatives to pick up commodities for the household, and/or using FDPIR staff or volunteers to deliver commodities to displaced households.

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