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**Janie Miller**  
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Dear Mr. Mason,

On July 23, 2010 President Obama declared Pike County, Kentucky, as a major disaster area due to severe storms which caused flooding and mudslides. In order to respond to the need for food by families not eligible for regular SNAP, Kentucky has been approved to operate a Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (DSNAP) in Pike County.

DSNAP applications will be accepted August 4 – August 11 for families residing or working in the following zip codes at the time of the disaster, July 17, 2010: 41501, 41502, 41522, 41522, 41539, or 41557. Recipients will only receive one month's worth of benefits. Disaster EBT cards are not identical to regular Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) EBT cards. On the front of DSNAP EBT cards the EBT case number is used in place of the recipient's name. Recipients will have up to 12 months to spend their DSNAP benefits.

In addition to the DSNAP program, Kentucky has also been authorized to allow retailers to accept DSNAP EBT and SNAP EBT food benefits for hot food and hot food product purchases for all Pike County recipients. This hot food waiver only applies to Pike County and is only available during the month of August 2010. This will assist those who have been dislocated from their homes or do not have access to cooking facilities to access hot meals.

We would appreciate your assistance in relaying this information to the appropriate stores. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Linda Harshbarger at 502-564-3440.

Sincerely,

Patricia R. Wilson  
Commissioner  
PRW/DFS/PDB/LAH

