

DSS can detect duplicate participation within the Disaster Food Stamp Program. DSS can also detect if an individual receives regular food stamp benefits as well as DFSP benefits during the disaster period.

FOOD STAMP FRAUD PENALTIES:

- 1** Do not give false, incorrect or incomplete information.
- 2** Do not trade, sell or alter EBT cards or FS coupons.
- 3** Do not use other people's EBT cards or FS coupons.
- 4** Do not buy alcoholic beverages or tobacco with FS benefits.
- 5** Do not use your EBT card to pay for food you have charged on a credit account.

If you break any of these rules you may be fined and/or imprisoned.

If you do not agree with the decision made on your DFSP application, you have a right to **ask for a fair hearing.**

Your application for DFSP benefits will be looked at without regard to **race, color, sex, age, religion, national origin, disability, political belief or marital or family status.** If you

believe you have been discriminated against, you should contact the Department of Social Services, Office of

Civil Rights, P.O. Box 1520, Columbia, S.C.

**FAIR
HEARINGS**

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The Disaster
Food Stamp
Program (DFSP)

provides a means
for eligible households
to purchase
nutritious foods
for their family
during the aftermath
of a disaster.

truth
or consequences

It is very important that you give truthful and accurate information on your DFSP application. If you give false information concerning your income, extent of damage incurred by the disaster or other eligibility criteria, you will be subject to an investigation and may be required to repay benefits that you were not entitled to receive.

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE DISASTER FOOD STAMP PROGRAM (DFSP), YOU:

- 1 Must have lived in the **authorized disaster area** during the disaster.
- 2 Must **purchase food and prepare meals** during disaster benefit period. This could be up to two months following the disaster. Households residing in temporary shelters providing all meals are not eligible for DFSP.
- 3 Must have **incurred damage or harm** from disaster.
- 4 Must meet DFSP **income limits**. The amount of the income for one person is \$931. Add \$328 for each additional person in your household to determine your income limit.

YOU WILL BE ASKED TO VERIFY, IF POSSIBLE, YOUR:

- 1 Identity – Head of household and, if applicable, **authorized representative**.
- 2 **Social Security numbers** for each individual to be included in DFSP budget.
- 3 **Expenses incurred** as a result of the disaster, such as:
 - Damage to your home;
 - Repairs essential to your employment;
 - Temporary shelter;
 - Moving expenses;
 - Materials used to protect your property from disaster damage; and/or
 - Disaster related medicine, funeral or burial expenses.
- 4 **Residency**
- 5 **Income** you have received or expect to receive during the disaster benefit period.