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FIA INFORMATION MEMO

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TO: DIRECTORS, LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

DEPUTY/ASSISTANT DIRECTORS FOR FAMILY INVESTMENT

FAMILY INVESTMENT SUPERVISORS

FROM: NETSANET KIBRET, EXECUTIVE

RE: NAME CHANGE- SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE

PROGRAM (SNAP)

ORIGINATING OFFICE: OFFICE OF PROGRAMS

Background

Control Number: #21-02

The United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) renamed the federal Food Stamp Program (FSP) the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) effective October 1, 2008, as a result of section 4001 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (P.L. 110-246), known as the Farm Bill. FNS immediately began phasing in the new name on their website, correspondence, and outreach material. FNS changed the name while allowing States the flexibility to maintain the name of their own program.

In the State of Maryland, SNAP was previously known as the Food Supplement Program (FSP). Senate Bill 49, a Departmental bill that renamed FSP to SNAP, was enacted during the 2020 legislative session of the Maryland General Assembly. The name change is effective July 1, 2020.

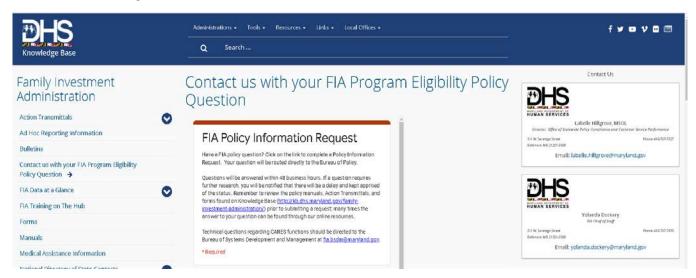
FIA, including the local departments of social services, must refer to SNAP in all communications with the public, clients, and community partners.

The following items are in the process of being updated:

- Knowledge Base
- DHS website
- DHS/FIA manuals, forms, letters, and notices
- Training material
- Outreach material
- FIA correspondence

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cc: DHS Executive Staff
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