

# Information Memorandum Transmittal Office of Self-Sufficiency Programs



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**Issue date:** 10-27-2020

**Topic:** Food Benefits

**Due date:** 10-27-2020

**Subject:** Authorization to purchase Prepared/Hot Foods with SNAP benefits

**Applies to (check all that apply):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees                             | <input type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors                       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging: Type B     | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services                                      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aging and People with Disabilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Self Sufficiency Programs          | <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Intensive In Home Services           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County DD program managers                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU)                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support Service Brokerage Directors           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other ( <i>please specify</i> ): 5503     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Residential Services          |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Welfare Programs                        |   |

**Message:**

FNS has approved Oregon's request to waive limitations on Prepared Food purchases with SNAP benefits **for the following counties from 10/19/20 to 11/20/20:**

Benton, Clackamas, Columbia, Coos, Curry, Deschutes, Douglas, Hood River, Jackson, Josephine, Jefferson, Klamath, Lake, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Tillamook, Wasco, Washington and Yamhill.

This waiver allows individuals to purchase food prepared for immediate consumption with their SNAP benefits at participating EBT retailers.

SNAP recipients can usually only purchase food meant to be taken home and cooked but are prohibited from purchasing food prepared and sold to be eaten on the premises (Prepared Foods).

Examples of allowable Prepared Foods include hot deli foods, fountain drinks, including but not limited to coffee and tea, a slice of hot/prepared pizza, hot soup, salad bars and sandwiches.

FNS has notified retailers of this temporary change in policy. FNS does not mandate EBT retailers to participate in this waiver. Some retailers may not be able to accommodate this temporary policy change. Retailers are aware of which foods are covered under this waiver and will continue to observe all other SNAP limitations, such as the purchase of non-food items.

While this waiver allows SNAP recipients to purchase Prepared Foods from retailers, **SNAP cannot be used to purchase restaurant meals of any kind.**

*If you have any questions about this information, contact:*

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