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**Topic:** Food Benefits

**Subject:** Heat and Eat Program

**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        | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services                                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Children, Adults and Families | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seniors and People with Disabilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County DD Program Managers               | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):                         |

**Message:** The Heat and Eat Program will continue at least through September 30, 2011. Beginning November 1, 2010, households currently with the LHP code will have \$1 deposited into their EBT cash account. New households meeting the criteria listed below and added after that date will receive the LHP code the month immediately after their case is opened and \$1.00 will be deposited into their EBT cash account.

One dollar may not be much in face value but it means the household is automatically qualified for the Full Utility Allowance (FUA). It, in turn, increases the amount of benefits a household will receive each month.

The LHP code is controlled by the system; it cannot be removed by staff. Each month, the day before the FSMIS end of month deadline, FSMIS will change the utility allowance field to FUA and add the LHP code to cases when the households are identified to meet all of the following criteria:

- They are receiving the LUA, IUA, TUA or no utility allowance;
- They do not receive maximum SNAP benefits;
- They are in open status and not in suspend status;
- They are not homeless;
- They have housing cost coded on FSMIS; and
- They do not receive the maximum shelter allowance.

The LHP code also tells the system to deposit \$1.00 into the eligible SNAP household's EBT account. The \$1.00 is to help meet the eligible household's utility costs. It will be aged off after 12 months when a household does not access it (the same as other SNAP benefits).

There is no special action required by local offices. Workers are to continue to code cases with the correct utility allowance at certification and recertification. Make sure HLL is coded on only households that are indeed homeless. Should there be any other changes to the program, an Information Memorandum will be sent to branches as soon as possible.

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

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