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Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program For victims of the April 15-28, 2011 severe weather

JACKSON, Miss. - The Mississippi Department of Human Services has been authorized to implement the DISASTER SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (DSNAP) to assist victims of the severe weather on April 15 - 28 in **Chickasaw, Choctaw, Clarke, Jasper, Lafayette, Monroe, Neshoba and Webster Counties**. Affected residents must have incurred disaster related expenses as a direct result of the severe weather to be eligible for the one-time only benefit. Current SNAP recipients are not eligible for DSNAP benefits.

- **When to Apply:** 9 a.m. – 7 p.m., Wednesday, May 11, 2011 through Friday, May 13, 2011.
- **Where to Apply:**

Chickasaw County: Chickasaw County Extension Service Office 415 Lee Horn Street Houston, MS 38860	Choctaw County: Choctaw County Library 511 S. Louisville Street Ackerman, MS 39735	Clarke County : Clarke County Multipurpose Bldg 99 Westwood Ave Quitman, MS 39355	Jasper County: Jasper County DHS 37 West 8 th Ave Bay Springs, MS 39422
Lafayette County: Lafayette County DHS 819 Jackson Ave Oxford, MS 38655	Monroe County: Monroe County DHS 300 S. Front St., Ste 2 Amory, MS 38821	Neshoba County: The Depot 256 W. Beacon Street Philadelphia, MS 39350	Webster County: Webster County DHS 53 Government Ave Eupora, MS 39744

- **Who May Apply:** A responsible adult household member may apply for the family.
- **Who is Eligible:** The household must have lived in one of the above counties affected by the severe weather. The household must also have suffered a loss of income, or damage to home, property or self-employment business and meet DSNAP income limits.

<i>To determine the household's monthly income, the net income (take-home pay) from wages or self-employment, assistance payments and other unearned income, such as Social Security or child support, that a household receives will be added to cash on hand and other accessible funds (such as money in checking and savings accounts). Compare your monthly income and household size to the following income limits.</i>	Number in Household and Income Limit	
	1 - \$2186	5 - \$4254
	2 - \$2847	6 - \$4753
	3 - \$3272	7 - \$5116
	4 - \$3859	8 - \$5479

- **Benefit Levels:** Eligible households will receive a one-month allotment of food assistance benefits.
- **Verification Needed:** Individuals applying for disaster food assistance need to bring documents to prove their identity.

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