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Operations Memo 2011-2
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To: Transitional Assistance Office Staff

From: Stephanie Brown, Assistant Commissioner for Policy, Procedure and External Relations

Re: Expiration of the SNAP Expedited Waiver

Overview In August 2010, the Department implemented the SNAP Expedited Waiver which was approved by USDA to streamline the processing of SNAP applications from claimants who had lost unemployment compensation (UC) benefits. This waiver allowed the Department to postpone the application interview and delay most required verifications for one additional month beyond the required timeframes for eligible households. The waiver was approved through December 31, 2010.

BEACON Activity This purpose of this Operations Memo is to inform staff that the SNAP Expedited Waiver has expired. Effective immediately, case managers must process SNAP applications from claimants who have lost UC benefits in accordance with established SNAP timeframes and procedures. However the shortened SNAP application form, *SNAP Benefits Application for Former UI Recipients* that was introduced in Field Operations Memo 2010 – 37 should continue to be used when taking applications for claimants who are no longer receiving UC benefits.

Eligible cases must be issued expedited SNAP benefits by Day-7 in accordance with 106 CMR 365.800 et. seq. For more information on SNAP application processing, see Field Operations Memo 2006-30.

MIS Datafix Effective close of business on Tuesday, January 11, 2011 the functionality that was created to accommodate the SNAP Expedited Waiver was eliminated from BEACON production.

**Obsolete
Memo**

Field Operations Memo 2010-40 is now obsolete.

Questions

If you have any questions, please have your Hotline designee call the Policy Hotline.
