

Policy Clarifications

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Agency: CAOs

Subject: November 2013 SNAP Benefits and Notices

Question:

What is the change referred to in EMS-130903? Has the OPS for the mass grant changes for 2013 been posted? Right now the system is indicating the regular notice reasons (e.g. 001 or 010) for significant reductions which allow for appeals on SNAP benefit reductions, instead of the mass grant notice which would deny appeal rights. Will the correct notices be sent?

Response By: Division of Federal Programs

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The change referred to in EMS-130903 is the November reduction in SNAP benefits. The change is related to the expiration of the SNAP benefits provision of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), not to the usual October mass grant change.

The Operations Memorandum for the 2013 mass grant change has not yet been published. The Division of Health Services did post PMN 16804-468 regarding the new Limited SUA amount and its effect on the spousal allowance.

The notices regarding the November decrease are incorrect. If a change/decrease notice is populated when running a case for November benefits, please suppress the notice. Headquarters will ensure a proper notice is sent before November's issuances.