IMPORTANT SNAP* and WIC EBT INFORMATION

Congress passed a new law that may affect you.

• The company that provides your EBT machine is now required by law to report to the IRS how much you have been paid.
• The first report is due to the IRS in February 2012 for all payments made to you in 2011.
• In order to report your EBT sales to the IRS, you must provide your tax identification number to the company that provides your EBT equipment.
• You either have received or will soon receive a letter from the company that provides your EBT equipment asking for your tax identification number and providing more information and instructions.
• If you do not provide your tax identification number to your EBT equipment company, the law requires them to hold back money from your bank deposits.
• It’s very important to make sure that you are providing tax identification information only to the EBT equipment company you have a contract with:
  o If you are using a no-cost EBT machine, that company is either JPMorgan, Fidelity National Information Services, or Affiliated Computer Services.
  o If you use your machine to take other debit and credit cards, then the company you have a contract with should be in touch with you.

If you have any questions about this requirement, please refer to the IRS website at http://www.irs.gov/localcontacts/index.html or contact your tax professional.

*Formerly known as the Food Stamp Program

Thank you for your cooperation.

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