

## **Special Disaster Rules for Accepting Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) Benefits for Hot Foods Purchases**

Alaska was approved for a temporary waiver to assist residents impacted by the power outages, severe flooding, and displacements caused by the September 2022 storm.

Effective immediately through November 4, 2022, Alaska recipients of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits who live in the areas of Lower Yukon, Lower Kuskokwim, Bering Straits, and Kashunamiut may use their benefits to purchase “hot” or prepared foods at any retailer that accepts EBT cards. This does not include restaurants or other non-EBT authorized retailers.

**These special rules are in effect through November 4, 2022.**

When hot foods are purchased with SNAP EBT benefits through November 4, 2022, the purchases are NOT subject to sales tax.

SNAP benefits may not be used to purchase alcohol or tobacco.

For more information regarding SNAP retailers approved for hot foods purchases, please contact the SNAP Retailer Service Center at 877-823-4369.

If you have questions or need more information, please call the Division of Public Assistance (DPA) at 1-800-478-7778. You may also visit our website at <https://health.alaska.gov/dpa> for more information.

If you need a language interpreter, call 1-800-478-7778 and we will provide one at no cost to you. If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, dial 711 to reach an Alaska Relay Communications Assistant.