DSS can detect duplicate participation within the Disaster Food Stamp Program. DSS can also detect if an individual receives regular food stamp benefits as well as DFSP benefits during the disaster period.

If you do not agree with the decision made on your DFSP application, you have a right to ask for a fair hearing.

Your application for DFSP benefits will be looked at without regard to race, color, sex, age, religion, national origin, disability, political belief or marital or family status. If you believe you have been discriminated against, you should contact the Department of Social Services, Office of Civil Rights, P.O. Box 1520, Columbia, S.C.

FOOD STAMP FRAUD PENALTIES:

1. **Do not** give false, incorrect or incomplete information.

2. **Do not** trade, sell or alter EBT cards or FS coupons.

3. **Do not** use other people’s EBT cards or FS coupons.

4. **Do not** buy alcoholic beverages or tobacco with FS benefits.

5. **Do not** use your EBT card to pay for food you have charged on a credit account.

If you break any of these rules you may be fined and/or imprisoned.

FAIR HEARINGS

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The Disaster Food Stamp Program (DFSP) provides a means for eligible households to purchase nutritious foods for their family during the aftermath of a disaster.

It is very important that you give truthful and accurate information on your DFSP application. If you give false information concerning your income, extent of damage incurred by the disaster or other eligibility criteria, you will be subject to an investigation and may be required to repay benefits that you were not entitled to receive.

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE DISASTER FOOD STAMP PROGRAM (DFSP), YOU:

1. Must have lived in the authorized disaster area during the disaster.
2. Must purchase food and prepare meals during disaster benefit period. This could be up to two months following the disaster. Households residing in temporary shelters providing all meals are not eligible for DFSP.
3. Must have incurred damage or harm from disaster.
4. Must meet DFSP income limits. The amount of the income for one person is $931. Add $328 for each additional person in your household to determine your income limit.

YOU WILL BE ASKED TO VERIFY, IF POSSIBLE, YOUR:

1. Identity – Head of household and, if applicable, authorized representative.
2. Social Security numbers for each individual to be included in DFSP budget.
3. Expenses incurred as a result of the disaster, such as:
   - Damage to your home;
   - Repairs essential to your employment;
4. Residency
5. Income you have received or expect to receive during the disaster benefit period.

Temporary shelter;
Moving expenses;
Materials used to protect your property from disaster damage; and/or
Disaster related medicine, funeral or burial expenses.