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**Operations Memo 2012-6**  
**January 23, 2012**

**To:** Department of Transitional Assistance Staff

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

**Re:** SNAP: Asset Limit Increase for Elderly/Disabled Households

**Overview**

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Pursuant to the 2008 Farm Bill, the asset limit for SNAP households that include an elderly (age 60 or older) or disabled member has increased from \$3,000 to \$3,250. This change is retroactive to October 1, 2011.

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**Purpose**

The purpose of this memo is to inform staff of the asset limit change for elderly or disabled SNAP households.

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**BEACON Update**

The new asset limit of \$3250 was programmed into BEACON over the weekend of January 7, 2012.

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**Case Manager Responsibilities**

An MIS query showed that since October 1, 2011, no applicant or existing client was denied or terminated SNAP benefits because of assets exceeding the former limit of \$3,000.

**No case manager action is required.**

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**State Letter**

A State Letter transmitting these changes is in progress.

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**Questions**

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

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