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To: Department of Transitional Assistance Staff
From: *AOJ* Anne O'Sullivan, Assistant Commissioner for Change Management
Re: Community Supported Agriculture

Overview

In September 2014, the Department, in collaboration with Project Bread and a number of local Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) partners developed a CSA program initiative in which our clients participated for the remainder of the 2014 CSA Season. Under this initiative, SNAP clients purchased CSA shares on a monthly basis using their EBT benefits.

Clients received their weekly shares at predetermined community sites.

The Department recently reinstated the initiative for the 2015 CSA Season. Beginning in August 2015, participating clients will also be able to make partial payments using their EBT SNAP benefits. The remaining balance may be paid by cash, check or credit card. In addition, participating clients may now call a designated DTA staff member to request cancelation.

Purpose

This Online Guide Update incorporates information about the CSA program operation for DTA clients.

**New BEACON
Online Guide
Books/Pages**

Topic: SNAP
Book: SNAP Nutrition Education
Chapter: Community Supported Agriculture

Questions

If you have any questions, please email the DTA Mailbox.
Systems questions should be directed to the Systems Support Help Desk.
