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To: Department of Transitional Assistance Staff

From:  Paul Sutliff, Assistant Commissioner for Programs and Field Operations

Re: Cross Programs: SNAP Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Pilot Program

Overview

Community-Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a partnership between farmers and their community. Members buy a share of the harvest before the growing season begins and then receive a weekly share of fresh fruits and vegetables.

The Department, in collaboration with Project Bread and a number of local CSA partners, developed a CSA program initiative for SNAP households.

CSAs often require full payment in advance, which is not always possible for SNAP households. The SNAP CSA Pilot Program allows SNAP customers to join a CSA by making monthly payments with their SNAP benefits instead of in one lump sum payment before the growing season begins.

Purpose

This Online Guide Transmittal advises staff that SNAP households may join the SNAP CSA Pilot Program through 2020 and also clarifies program operations and Department responsibilities.

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