

## **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: Trafficking Controls and Fraud Investigations: Proposed Rule**

On May 30, 2012, the Food and Nutrition Service published proposed regulations which amend Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) regulations at 7 CFR 274.6 to provide State agencies with new tools to help stem fraud in SNAP. Thirty–six comments were received and will be addressed in a final regulation. The Proposed Rule is available at:

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/rules/Regulations/pdfs/053012.pdf>

The following tools are included in the proposed regulation:

- Option for State agencies to withhold electronic benefit transfer (EBT) card until contact is made with the State agency when excessive replacement cards are requested by the client.
- Clarifies the definition of trafficking to include actions that clearly express the intent to sell SNAP benefits or EBT card in person or online.
- Requires the State agency to act on a notice by the client of a lost or stolen EBT card within one business day.