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**Food and
Nutrition
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**SPECIAL DISASTER RULES FOR ACCEPTING
SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)
EBT BENEFITS
TEMPORARY RELAXED PROCEDURES FOR KEY-ENTERED EBT
TRANSACTIONS**

Due to the floods from the severe storms, and effective August 20, 2016, retail food stores licensed by the Food and Nutrition Service to accept SNAP benefits in the State of Louisiana may temporarily accept SNAP benefits from affected households without a SNAP EBT card being present.

**These special rules are in effect beginning
August 20, 2016, through September 6, 2016**

The EBT card is normally required to be present in order to conduct a key-entered transaction, where the card number and PIN are manually entered. Affected households do not need to have their card present in order to conduct a key-entered transaction during this period only; Households may conduct a transaction by key-entering their card number and PIN without having the card present at any FNS authorized retailer in the State of Louisiana when eligible foods are purchased with SNAP EBT benefits.

We encourage all SNAP authorized retail food stores in the State of Louisiana to post a special notice in the store letting SNAP customers know that affected households do not need to have their card present in order to conduct a key-entered transaction during this period only.

Thank you for your assistance in aiding those impacted by the floods from the severe storms.