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Early Food Stamp Issuance for Approved Households

Idaho will be issuing early food stamp benefits on January 20 for all households with approved benefits for February. All households approved for February benefits, as of January 15, will receive the early issuance. These households will not receive another benefit issuance in February, which means their next benefit issuance will be on their regular scheduled issuance date in March.

Please note, all households that complete a re-evaluation after January 15 for February, and are approved, will receive their February benefits on their regularly scheduled February issuance date.

Idaho will continue accepting and processing new food stamp applications.

A letter will be sent to approved households this week, letting them know about the early issuance. A copy of the letter has been provided here for your reference.

We have also created a printable 11x14" poster (English and Spanish) to print and display in your locations. This resource is available on the Idaho Dept of Health and Welfare's website here.

We encourage households to budget their available foods stamps to last until their March issuance date. If households need additional food assistance or have questions about other services available to them, contact the 2-1-1 Idaho CareLine by dialing 2-1-1 (locally) or 1-800-926-2588.

Please be aware that this upcoming change may affect our shared customers. We encourage you to work with your own organization to determine the specific impacts your customers may face.

If you have specific questions about this change, please contact Kristin Matthews at the contact information listed to the left. Thank you for your support and continued partnerships!