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Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and Public Assistance Disqualification for the 3rd Quarter
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The Director of the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPH&SS), Mr. J. Peter Roberto, ACSW, releases the statistics for the Third Quarter of Fiscal Year 2010 (April 2010 to June 2010) relative to the number of clients who were disqualified from participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP formerly known as Food Stamp Program) and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program.

These clients were found to have intentionally violated rules under the SNAP and TANF Programs.

Table with 3 columns: PROGRAM, NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS DISQUALIFIED, AMOUNT OF RESTITUTION. Rows include SNAP, TANF, and GRAND TOTAL.

Of the six (6) individuals disqualified, five (5) were due to failure to timely report employment and/or income, and one (1) failed to report household size properly. All were disqualified for 12 months for the first violation.

Individuals who were found to have committed Intentional Program Violation (IPV) through Administrative Disqualification Hearing (ADH) shall be ineligible to participate in the program for:

- 12 MONTHS for the 1ST VIOLATION
24 MONTHS for the 2ND VIOLATION
PERMANENT DISQUALIFICATION for the 3RD VIOLATION

Effective February 01, 2009, SNAP implemented Simplified Reporting requiring household, to report only when (1) the income exceeds 130% of the federal poverty level and (2) address change. These changes must be reported by the 10th of the month following the change occurred.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Francis L.G. Damian, Program Coordinator IV, Investigation and Recoupment Office at the Bureau of Management Support at 735-7379.

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