## WSC ADVISORY #2019-039 FOOD ASSISTANCE UPDATE

## ACTION REQUIRED

## EFFECTIVE DATE: AUGUST 31, 2019

The Department of Children and Families (DCF) provided the information below on their website regarding food assistance benefits in preparation for Hurricane Dorian. Waiver Support Coordinators (WSCs) should ensure that individuals on their caseloads who utilize food assistance benefits are aware of this information.

"To assist families as they prepare for Hurricane Dorian, DCF has been approved by the USDA to release September food assistance benefits to all 67 counties.

Current customers who were scheduled to receive their benefits between September 1 and September 14 will now be able to access benefits starting August 31 at noon. This is an early release of regular benefits, not a distribution of additional funds."

More information regarding food assistance programs can be found on the DCF Access Website at the following link: <u>https://www.myflorida.com/accessflorida/</u>.

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