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TO: TEFAP ADMINISTRATORS
FROM: GARY W. GAY *GWG*
DATE: September 24, 2013
SUBJECT: TEFAP FOOD PACKAGE

In working with Emergency Feeding Organizations distributing TEFAP food we are now allowing agencies the option of diverting from a set distribution package. Effective October 1, 2013 agencies will have more flexibility in distributing TEFAP food. An example would be for the January – March TEFAP package you have orange juice and grape juice. Currently you would have to give each person who was eligible both juices, now we are giving you the option of giving one juice and then when it ran out you would start giving the other juice out. We are hoping this will give you some flexibility in operating your program in a most efficient manner. This is just an option; you may choose to continue distributing the full package to everyone. We do ask that you treat everyone fair and equal and please stress to your pantries don't let pack sizes affect how they distribute TEFAP food.

One area that some questions have been raised about the size of the packages of the TEFAP food items especially the frozen meats. We have been asked, can we open packages and repack the item into smaller units for redistribution. This is **not** allowable; this is a food safety issue that should be taken very seriously.

If you have any questions concerning this memo, you may contact Susan.Wilder@ncagr.gov.

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