

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM MANAGEMENT EVALUATION UNIT



PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS

\$10,000.00 Fines or Five (5) Years Prison Term or Both, Immediate Suspension or Termination, Over Issuance Charge, and Civil Money Penalty.

NAP violations include, but are not limited to, the following line items:

- 1. Any person(s) who uses, transfers, acquires, alters, or possesses <u>NAP Food Stamp</u> <u>Coupons or Authorization to Participate (ATP) Cards</u> in any manner not authorized by NAP.
- 2. Any person(s) who presents or causes to be presented, <u>NAP Food Stamp Coupons</u> for payment of redemption, knowing the same to have been received, transferred, or used in any manner not authorized by NAP.
- 3. Any person(s) who counterfeits, forges, or alters any <u>NAP Food Stamp Coupons</u> or <u>ATP Cards.</u>
- 4. Any person(s) who publishes or puts into circulation any counterfeit, forged or altered NAP Food Stamp Coupons or ATP Cards.
- 5. Any person(s) receiving assistance under the <u>Nutrition Assistance Program</u> who fails to report directly to the NAP Certification Unit a change of his/her status which adversely affects his/her eligibility or decreases the amount of benefit for which he/she is eligible, within ten (10) days of the change.
- 6. Any person(s) who knowingly makes false statements for the purpose of influencing the action with respect to the certification of households applying for participation in the NAP and the issuance under such Program of NAP Food Stamp Coupons.
- 7. Any person(s) and retail outlet(s) that allows the exchange of <u>NAP Food Stamp</u> <u>Coupons</u> to cash.
- 8. Any Person(s) and unauthorized retail outlet(s) that engages in illegal <u>NAP Food Stamp Coupon</u> transactions.
- 9. Any person(s) and retail outlet(s) that allows payments towards credits or charge accounts using the NAP Food Stamp Coupons.
- 10. Any household(s) and retail outlet(s) that allows <u>NAP Food Stamp Coupon</u> transactions other that the adult Head of Household and its Authorized Representative(s).
- 11. Any person(s) who threatens, intimidated, bribes or attempts to bribe any of the NAP Staff, Authorized Representative, or agents of the <u>Nutrition Assistance</u>

 <u>Program</u> intending thereby to cause such persons to violate one (1) or more of the laws or regulations governing the Program.
- 12. Any person(s) who aids and abets another to commit any of the prohibited acts.