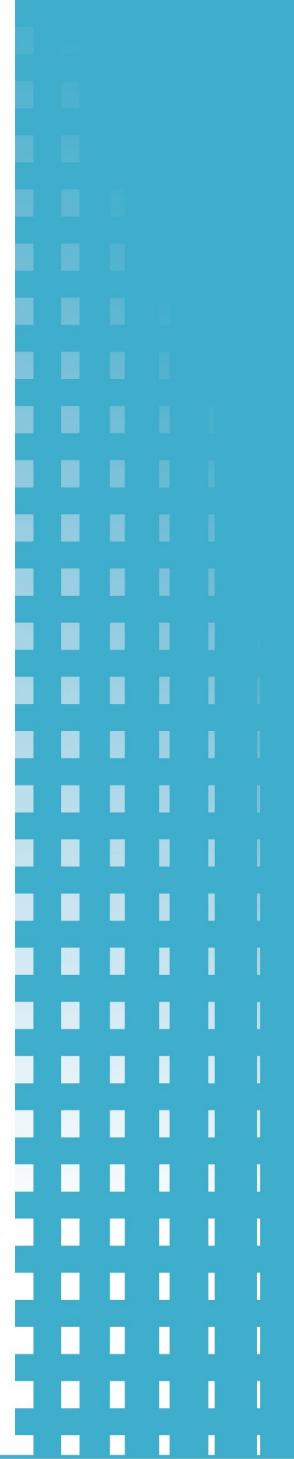


Appendix A3

Round 2 Advance Letter to Study Participants: English



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ROUND 2 ADVANCE LETTER TO STUDY PARTICIPANTS: ENGLISH

<< Date>>

<<Name>>

<<Address>>

<<City, State Zip>>

Dear <<Honorific>> <<Last Name>>

This fall we interviewed you for the study of Hampden County Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Now it is time for the second interview.

In this interview we'll ask questions about your family, your diet, how you shop for food, how you decide what to buy, and the food in your home. This interview will take about 50 minutes. You will receive a check for \$30 as a thank you for your time.

Taking part in the survey is up to you. Deciding not to be in the study won't affect your SNAP benefits. If you do not want to be interviewed, you can tell the interviewer who calls you.

There isn't much risk from being in the study except that someone could find out you were in the study. We'll be careful to protect your information and make sure this does not happen.

Only some people from USDA/FNS and the research team will see your answers. Your name will be kept separate from your answers. Your answers will be put together with answers from the other people in the study and reported as totals and averages. No one's name will be used. Everyone on the research team has signed a confidentiality form to protect your information, and it will not be shared with anyone outside the researchers for this study, except as otherwise required by law.

Someone from Westat will call you in the next week or so. In this packet are some materials to use during the interview. If you want to complete or schedule your interview now, please call Westat at our toll-free telephone number XXX-XXX-XXXX.

Thank you again for your help in this important study.

Sincerely,

Susie McNutt
Westat Project Director