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Women, Children Not Admitted into Commodity Supplemental Food Program as Required by Federal Regulations *Seniors Still Eligible to Participate*

Washington, DC, May 29 – The Capital Area Food Bank will no longer be able to admit women and children into the USDA’s Commodity Supplemental Food Program, which provides free packaged groceries to eligible participants monthly.

The reauthorization of the Farm Bill, passed in January 2014 and effective on February 7, 2014, phased out program participation for women and children recipients.

Women and children registered with the program before the new regulations may remain on the program until they age out. Seniors aged 60 and up may register as new participants. Parents seeking food assistance for children up to five years of age, or woman seeking assistance during pregnancy or nursing, should register with Women, Infants and Children or the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

For individuals that do not qualify for either program, or need immediate food assistance, please contact the Capital Area Food Bank’s Hunger Lifeline at 202-644-9807.

The Capital Area Food Bank is the largest hunger relief organization in the Washington metro area serving 500,000 people through direct food distribution programs and a network of 500 partner agencies. This year, the Capital Area Food Bank distributed 45 million pounds of food – the equivalent of 37.5 million meals – including 17.5 million pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables. A member of Feeding America, CAFB takes a comprehensive approach to addressing hunger by increasing access to nutritious food, initiating change through skill-building and advocacy, and creating sustainability with outreach and training for those at risk of hunger. To learn more, visit: www.capitalareafoodbank.org, or find the Capital Area Food Bank on Facebook at [facebook.com/ CapitalAreaFoodBank](https://facebook.com/CapitalAreaFoodBank), and Twitter at [@foodbankmetrodc](https://twitter.com/foodbankmetrodc).

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program is a federally funded program that aims to address the hunger needs of low-income seniors. Participants must be DC residents, aged 60 years or over, and at or below 130% of the federal poverty line. The Capital Area Food Bank operates the Commodity Supplemental Food Program under the guidance of the District of Columbia Office on Aging. For more information, please log on to <http://www.capitalareafoodbank.org/programs/>.



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