Illinois Department of Human Services Commodity Supplemental Food Program

RIGHT TO FAIR HEARINGS

You have a right to request a fair hearing if you do not agree with the action taken. You must request a hearing within 60 days from the date of the NOTICE OF ADVERSE ACTION is mailed.

Your request for a fair hearing must be made verbally or in writing to the certifying agency listed on the NOTICE OF ADVERSE ACTION form.

Please complete the information below and mail or deliver to the certifying agency.

If you have been notified of discontinuance or disqualification for CSFP participation and you request a fair hearing prior to the effective date indicated on the NOTICE OF ADVERSE ACTION form, you may continue to receive benefits until a hearing decision is announced or until the end of your current certification period, whichever is first.

However, if the Agency is upheld in its decision, a claim against the household shall be established for all over-issuance of USDA foods.

I wish to request a fair hearing	\Box YES	\square NO	
Name:			
Phone:			
Address:			
City, State, ZIP:			

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- (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
 Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
 1400 Independence Avenue, SW
 Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: <u>program.intake@usda.gov</u>.