

Beginning April 2009, Your FOOD STAMP Benefits May Go Up!

Check your Alaska Quest card for the amount of extra benefits you get. Most households will see an automatic increase starting with their April benefit.

You do not have to do anything to get this extra benefit.

Why would my benefits go up?

- There is a new law called the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. You might have heard it called the **Economic Stimulus package**.
- The new law increases the maximum amount of Food Stamp benefits a household can receive starting April 2009.

How much extra do I get?

- The amount you get depends on where you live and how many people are in your household.
- This extra benefit will continue until the federal government increases it. It replaces the increase that normally occurs in October each year.

If you have questions, contact your local Division of Public Assistance office. For information about the new maximum benefit amounts, go to our website at <http://www.hss.state.ak.us/dpa/>.