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IN LIGHT OF HURRICANE MICHAEL'S IMPACT, THE USAGE OF GOVERNMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE HAS NOW EXPANDED.

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THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ANNOUNCED THAT THEY WILL WAIVE THE RESTRICTION OF HOT FOOD PURCHASES VIA SNAP BENEFITS. SEVERAL FLORIDIANS ARE WITHOUT POWER AND EVEN HOMES --- PREVENTING THEM FROM ENJOYING A HOT MEAL. ALTHOUGH THE RESTRICTIONS HAVE BEEN TEMPORARILY LIFTED, THE FOOD BENEFITS CAN ONLY BE USED AT STORES THAT ACCEPT E-B-T PAYMENTS. THESE UNRESTRICTED BENEFITS WILL STAY ACTIVE UNTIL OCTOBER 31ST.