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To: [Lynn Pegg](#)
Subject: RE: EBT/SNAP at farmers markets - conference call to update & strategize statewide advocacy
Date: Thursday, July 12, 2018 11:45:25 AM

Thanks Lynn, I do remember seeing something about this. I'll make sure we don't share anything after July 31st. If you hear any change to this, would you mind to let us know? Thanks!

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Subject: FW: EBT/SNAP at farmers markets - conference call to update & strategize statewide advocacy

Hey Kassi,
I just saw the BC Gov post on FB about SNAP and Fresh Produce. You may want to look over this email about the EBT/SNAP being in jeopardy at Farmers Markets.

Thanks,
Lynn

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Community Food Strategies will host a conference call this coming **Monday, July 16 from 2-3pm** for food council members and their community partners to discuss the recent change in software companies by the USDA that will disrupt the ability to process mobile EBT transactions at farmers markets after July 31st.

Please [RSVP here](#) to receive call in information and a call agenda.

Our understanding of details and information available is changing quickly, below is the background and updates I have at this moment.

Kiera

Background:

SNAP recipients to lose benefits at farmers markets: Many SNAP participants will no longer be able to redeem their money at more than 1,700 farmers markets after July 31, when an Austin-based software company that processes mobile transactions ends its service, FERN [reports](#) in partnership with The Washington Post.

Here is a brief update from the processing company:



MM+ Status Update

Many of you have reached out to us with questions and concerns as a result of articles and announcements regarding the shutdown or discontinuation of the Mobile Market+ systems. At this time we continue to work with our processing partners, advocacy groups, and other members of the community to explore every option to avoid any interruption of service. We expect to be able to provide more detailed updates in the coming days, and greatly appreciate your patience as we work through this process.

Sincerely,
The Mobile Market+ team

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Coordinator

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