

# No Deductions on Food Stamps—

## *Recipients Will Be Authorized to Buy Monthly ATP Cards*

Commissioner Frederick McGinnis, Department of Health and Social Services, advised that as of Jan. 1, 1974 when the supplemental security income program became effective, Adult Public Assistance recipients will no longer be able to have the cost of food stamps deducted from their state assistance checks.

Instead, recipients will receive authorization to purchase ATP cards each month in the mail.

For persons living in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, or Ketchikan, ATP and food stamp identification cards can be processed for food stamp coupons at any participating U.S. Post Office.

Persons residing in areas of the state other than the above, can receive food stamp coupons at the local family and children services district office.

If it is not possible to visit a local district office, ATP cards can be exchanged by signing the

card and mailing the ATP card and the necessary cash or money order to the nearest district office. The district office will then mail the food stamp coupons back to the recipient.

McGinnis cautioned that "it is vitally important for all Alaskans participating in adult public assistance programs to immediately notify their local district office or any household or income changes."

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