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**ELECTRONIC BENEFIT TRANSFER (EBT) TRAFFICKING AND MISUSE**

Georgia EBT became operational statewide in November 1998. Soon after implementation, patterns of trafficking and misuse began to be identified. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) and Department of Human Services Office of Inspector General (DHS OIG) have joined together to develop a policy and procedures to establish claims and enforce the penalties regarding trafficking and misuse of EBT by both recipient and retailer. The USDA FNS is responsible for investigating retailer fraud while OIG is responsible for pursuing recipient fraud.

**State Law Enforcement Bureau (SLEB)**

An agreement is set forth between the Administrator of the Southeast Regional Office of the Food and Nutrition Service to grant authority to the Georgia Department of Human Services Office of Inspector General, referred to as State Law Enforcement Bureau (SLEB), to acquire Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefit information from the Food and Nutrition Service for law enforcement and investigative activities. The SLEB shall be responsible for determining that such EBT SNAP benefits are utilized exclusively within that state for law enforcement or investigation purposes as approved by the Administrator of the Southeast Region Office.

All SLEB requests must be made through the OIG SLEB Coordinator.