



Division of Public Assistance - SNAP

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Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Overview

- Eligibility and Certification Periods
- Work Requirements and Employment and Training
- Quality Control
- Fraud Investigation

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Waiver Options

- SNAP's statutes, regulations, and waivers provide state agencies with various policy options that enable state agencies to adapt their programs to meet the unique needs of states.
- There are approximately 28 policy options available to states in the administration of the program.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Emergency Allotment

- “Approval to extend Emergency Allotments (EA) can remain in place until such time as the Secretary for Health and Human Services rescinds the public health emergency declaration that was issued on January 27, 2020, under section 319 of the Public Health Service Act or the State-issued emergency or disaster declaration expires.”
- Income affects the amount of benefit someone can receive
 - A household with little or no income will most likely already be receiving the maximum allotted benefit for the SNAP program.
 - If the maximum allowable benefit for a household is \$796 but the household has income that would reduce the allowable benefit amount paid to \$497, the Emergency Allotment allows for the state to pay the household the full \$796 (a difference of \$299 would be paid as a supplemental benefit).



Pandemic EBT (P-EBT)

- Is administered through the National School Lunch Program which reimburses schools for meals served to eligible students.
- New guidance regarding plan submission and implementation was issued to States on January 29, 2021
- Student Eligibility for reduced or free meals is determined by schools

Timeliness of Eligibility

- SFY2020 Processed 29,626 non-expedited applications with an average processing time of 10 days
- SFY2021 Processed 12,515 non-expedited applications with an average processing time of 21 days

Efficiency and Improvement Efforts

- Online Forms development and implementation
- Online Application development and implementation
- Implementation of an optional electronic notification



Questions?

