



Important Information about your SNAP Benefits and the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Emergency

No action on your part is required.

You will get extra SNAP benefits by April 29, 2021. This payment is in addition to your regular SNAP benefits for April.

By June 30, 2021, you may receive extra SNAP benefits for the period of September 2020 through March 2021.

If you got SNAP benefits between September 2020 and March 2021, you will get an extra payment in early May or early June. For example, if you got SNAP benefits in September and October, then you will get extra SNAP for both months. If you did not get SNAP benefits in November, you will not get extra SNAP benefits for November.

How much will I get? If you did not already get extra SNAP for those months, you will get extra SNAP equal to half of the maximum possible allotment for your household size. If you already received an emergency allotment for those months, your payment will be less than half of the maximum possible allotment for your household size.

For more information on this change, please visit:

<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/SNAP-CARES-Act.aspx>.

- You will continue to receive your benefits on your regular payment day.
- SNAP benefits do not expire! You can save your extra SNAP on your ACCESS card, as long as you use it every 3 months.
- You can review your benefits online at www.compass.state.pa.us or on the myCOMPASS PA mobile app.
- You can check your SNAP balance on the myCOMPASS PA mobile app or call 1-888-EBT-PENN (1-888-328-7366).
- If you have any questions please call the Statewide Customer Service Center at 1-877-395-8930.

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Emergency Allotments: Extra SNAP \$ May Be Coming!



Emergency Allotment (EA): An extra SNAP payment issued to meet food needs during the pandemic.

Since the start of the pandemic, any family not receiving the maximum SNAP amount for their household size (see chart) has gotten an EA in the second half of the month bumping them up to the maximum.

Household Size	Maximum Benefit
1	\$234
2	\$430
3	\$616
4	\$782
5	\$929
6	\$1,114
7	\$1,232
8	\$1,408
Each added person	\$176

ALL families are now entitled to EAs!

Thanks to a lawsuit filed by Community Legal Services (CLS), ALL SNAP households will get an EA each month.

EA Amount

During the pandemic, every household will get at least **\$95 per month** in extra SNAP.

- Nothing will change for households already getting EAs of \$95 or more.
- Households that have been getting no EA or a very small EA will now get a monthly EA of \$95.
- EAs are paid in the second half of the month.

How Long Will This Last?

EAs will continue as long as both the state and federal emergency declarations remain in place. When either declaration ends, we will update you at www.hungercoalition.org

Back Payments

Households that have not been getting an EA will also get a back payment for the EAs they missed from Sept-March. Households can expect to get approximately the amount listed on the chart below.*

Household size	Back Payment Amount
1	\$718
2	\$1,318
3	\$1,887
4	\$2,397
5	\$2,847

*We cannot guarantee the exact amount that households will get. This chart should be used as an estimate only.

Households that got a very small EA during this time will also get a back payment of a smaller amount than listed above.

When is this payment coming?

The chart on the back of this flyer will tell you when you can expect your payment.



You do not need to spend all of your SNAP at once!

As long as you use your SNAP card **once every 3 months** to keep it active, your SNAP stays on your card **forever**, so you do not need to rush and spend this money.

NOTE: P-EBT benefits expire after 9 months. For more information on P-EBT see www.justharvest.org/faq-about-pandemic-ebt-in-pennsylvania.

Extra SNAP Payment Dates

Households owed extra SNAP because of the lawsuit settlement will get their extra SNAP for the period 9/11/20 – 3/31/21 on the dates below:

If you fall in this category:	You will get your extra SNAP for 9/11/20 – 3/21/21 on:
You get the maximum regular SNAP benefit for your household size	May 7, 10, 11, or 12
You get a little less than the maximum regular SNAP for your household size, and you do not have children in your household	June 7
You get a little less than the maximum SNAP for your household size, and you have children under 5	June 8
You get a little less than the maximum SNAP for your household size, and you have school-aged children	June 9 or 10
You are not currently on SNAP, but you got the maximum SNAP or close to the maximum SNAP sometime between September and March	Sometime before June 30