

Information Memorandum Transmittal Office of Self-Sufficiency Programs



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Topic: Food Benefits

Due date: 02/26/2021

Subject: Emergency allotments for SNAP Households (COVID-19)

Applies to (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees | <input type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging: Type B | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aging and People with Disabilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Self Sufficiency Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Intensive In Home Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County DD program managers | <input type="checkbox"/> Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support Service Brokerage Directors | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>please specify</i>): 5503 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Residential Services | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Welfare Programs | |

Message:

The Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) received approval by Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) to issue EA benefits to Oregon SNAP households for the month of **March 2021**. The purpose of the EA is to address temporary food needs to bring all SNAP households up to the maximum benefit based on the size of their benefit group due to pandemic related economic conditions. **Households that already receive the maximum allotment will not receive an EA payment.**

SNAP Payment Standard (TFP)*	
No. in Benefit Group	Maximum Monthly Amount
1	\$234
2	430
3	616
4	782
5	929
6	1,114
7	1,232
8	1,408
Each additional individual	+176

*The additional 15% TFP above is temporary and will change back to the normal percentage on 07/01/21.

How are EA disbursements made?

The EA disbursements will be issued automatically in the ONE system. The system will automatically:

- Identify households that received less than the maximum allotment;
- Calculate the supplement which is equal to the difference between what was received and the allowable max allotment amount; and
- Issue a supplemental payment in the same manner as regular SNAP benefits are deposited.

EA payments will occur on two separate dates, the first one for ongoing cases and the second for new or missed cases. There is no manual action needed. If case is not issued EA payments, a clean-up batch will occur in early April to pick those cases up. Any cases not issued can be forwarded to SNAP policy for follow up.

When will the EA benefits be available to SNAP recipients?

The table below has been updated with the dates when the EA benefits will be available to recipients. Eligible households only receive one EA disbursement in each month.

Month	Day	Description of household receiving emergency allotment
March	11	All current SNAP households not receiving SNAP maximum allotment
	31	SNAP households not receiving SNAP maximum allotment who did not receive an emergency allotment on March 11, 2021

System batch dates

For 2021: 01/11,01/28, 02/10,02/25, 03/10, 03/30

Additional batches may be run for any households not addressed by the first pair of batches of each month.

Will notices be sent to households related to these payments?

Since this is a mass distribution, we will not be sending individual notices to households. A media release will be distributed to the public informing them of the EA. In addition, communication will be done through social media messaging and outreach through community partners. This may generate an increase in questions as communities become aware. This payment is intended to bring everyone up to the same maximum allotment for their household size, which means that there will be households that do not receive a supplement.

If you have any questions about this information, contact:

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