

Information Memorandum Transmittal Office of Self-Sufficiency Programs



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Issue date: 09/20/2021

Topic: Food Benefits

Due date:

Subject: Select SNAP cases with a renewal date by 10/31/2021 automatically extended

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 type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>please specify</i>): |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Residential Services | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Welfare Programs | |

Message:

Due to the continued increase in SNAP applications and renewals related to the COVID-19 emergency, Oregon SNAP has been allowed to automatically extend select SNAP cases with a renewal due for the month of October , 2021.

Criteria for Automatic Case Extensions

SNAP cases with a renewal due by 10/31/2021 and meeting at least one of the following criteria:

- Only SSI/SSB/SSD Income
- Only TANF Income
- Cases with Medical renewal completed in August/September and have income lower than 130% Federal Poverty Limit (FPL)
- Cases with recent intake for other programs and the income is less than the new 130% FPL
- Cases with income less than 25% FPL

Based on the above criteria, about 35,000 cases received an automatic extension for six months for the month of October, 2021. Cases extended in the past, in TBA, or with JPI were not impacted. Cases with a Mid Certification Review due by 10/31/2021 were not included either, as mid certs are not renewals.

Additional information:

- The notice for renewal was halted and instead, these cases received notification that they have been extended through the end of April 2022.
- The remaining SNAP caseload with a renewal date by 10/31/2021 received notices advising them that they need to reapply for SNAP if they want their benefits to continue beyond October, 2021.

Note: To help with the increased workload, the preferred method to apply/reapply for SNAP benefits is to have the applicant use the [applicant portal \(AP\)](#), or to be transferred to a worker to submit an application over the phone in the Worker Portal (WP). The time spent completing those applications is less for both applicant and workers than if they use a paper application. However, please do not deny or turn the applicant away if they provide other acceptable forms such as the DHS [615s](#), DHS [415F](#) or DHS [7476](#).

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