

# Policy Transmittal Office of Self-Sufficiency Programs



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**Number:** SS-PT-20-017

**Issue date:** 07/23/2020

**Updated:** 07/23/2020

**Topic:** Food Benefits

**Due date:**

**Transmitting (check the box that best applies):**

- New policy   
  Policy change   
  Policy clarification   
  Executive letter  
 Administrative Rule   
  Manual update   
  Other:

**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 (please specify): 5503              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children’s Residential Services          |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Welfare Programs                        |   |

<b>Policy/rule title:</b>	Update related to SNAP COVID-19 waivers		
<b>Policy/rule number(s):</b>	461-115-0450; 461-115-0230	<b>Release number:</b>	
<b>Effective date:</b>	07/23/2020	<b>Expiration date:</b>	
<b>References:</b>			
<b>Web address:</b>			

**Discussion/interpretation:**

Based on the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the extension of Oregon’s emergency declaration, FNS has approved the following waivers related to SNAP.

- Waiving SNAP Interview requirements from July 1-August 31, 2020**

Transmittal [SS-PT-20-008](#) has been updated to reflect this waiver approval.

Although this waiver allows us to determine SNAP eligibility without an interview, it is important we still attempt to contact households. Many families are applying for SNAP for the first time and they may not understand the process or how SNAP benefits work. Contact from you can help make the process easier for the customer.

- **Emergency Allotments for the month of August**

Transmittal [SS-IM-20-006](#) has been updated to reflect this approval including the dates EA benefits will be available for families.

**Implementation/transition instructions:**

See transmittal [SS-PT-20-008](#) for updated information on waiving SNAP interview requirements.

- For ONE system VEC Pilot, please watch for Interim Business Process (IBP) #20-26 for instructions on how to apply this waiver in the ONE system. Please reach out to your Site Support Team with questions or if you need assistance.”

See transmittal [SS-IM-20-006](#) for updated information on Emergency Allotments.

- "For ONE system VEC Pilot, please watch for Interim Business Process (IBP) #20-27 for instructions on how to apply this guidance in the ONE system. Please reach out to your Site Support Team with questions or if you need assistance."

**Training/communication plan:**

The Department will be providing a press release and outreach to community stakeholders in order to ensure this information is shared with the public.

**Local/branch action required:** Follow the updated process in transmittals linked above related to waiving SNAP interview requirements and Emergency Allotments.

**Central office action required:**

**Field/stakeholder review:**  Yes  No

**If yes, reviewed by:**

**Filing instructions:**

*If you have any questions about this policy, contact:*

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