

# Policy Transmittal Office of Self-Sufficiency Programs



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**Topic:** Food Benefits

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

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

**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>	Temporary Increase in SNAP Maximum Benefit Allotment due to COVID-19		
<b>Policy/rule number(s):</b>	OAR 461-155-0180	<b>Release number:</b>	
<b>Effective date:</b>	1/1/2021	<b>Expiration date:</b>	9/30/2021
<b>References:</b>	<a href="https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/temporary-increase-maximum-allotments-due-covid-19-revised-12282020">https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/temporary-increase-maximum-allotments-due-covid-19-revised-12282020</a> <b>Update:</b> <a href="https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/Extension-of-Temporary-Increase-in-Maximum-Allotments">https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/Extension-of-Temporary-Increase-in-Maximum-Allotments</a>		
<b>Web address:</b>			

**Discussion/interpretation:**

The recently passed [Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021](#), temporarily increases SNAP benefits by raising the maximum and minimum benefit allotments

effective January 1, 2021 – June 30, 2021. Under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, the temporary increase to the benefit allotments was extended to end from June 30, 2021 to September 30, 2021.

The minimum allotment increases from \$16 to \$19. The new maximum allotments are as follows:

SNAP Payment Standard (TFP)	
No. in Benefit Group	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 Combined Standards chart (DHS [5530](#)) was revised to reflect the new end date of September 30, 2021.

Effective October 1, 2021, the annual standard changes will take effect. A transmittal will be disseminated as soon as the SNAP income eligibility standards and deductions are released by the USDA FNS.

When this change was initially implemented, a media release was dispersed to publicize this change per OAR [461-174-0250](#)(2) and federal regulations.

### **Implementation/transition instructions:**

The temporary change to the maximum and minimum benefit allotment is effective January 1, 2021. Users will see the increased maximum and minimum amounts reflected on the screen for cases processed on or after January 2, 2021 in FSMIS and January 6, 2021 in ONE. January allotments processed prior to these dates will be eligible for a supplement. They will receive their supplement when the Emergency Allotment batches run. The supplement for January and the EA payment will be issued as one payment coded as an EA payment.

Going forward, the temporary maximum and minimum benefit allotment will be reflected in ONE, FSMIS, and the Family Services Manual. Approval notices will be updated where needed for new applicants to reflect the change.

Note: This temporary adjustment to the maximum and minimum benefit allotment is separate from the Emergency Allotment waiver. Should the Emergency Allotment waiver end during the period of January 1, 2021 – September 30, 2021 individual and household benefit amounts will continue to be calculated using the temporary adjustments to maximum and minimum benefit allocations listed above.

**Local/branch action required:** N/A

**Filing instructions:**

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

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