

Policy Transmittal Office of Self-Sufficiency Programs



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Issue date: 10/27/2021

Topic: Food Benefits

Due date:

Subject: Pandemic EBT Program End – School Year 20-21/Summer 2021

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees | <input type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging: {Select type} | <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 (please specify): |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children’s Residential Services | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Child Welfare Programs | |

Policy/rule title:	Pandemic EBT Program End – School Year 20-21/Summer 2021		
Policy/rule number(s):	TBD	Release number:	
Effective date:	The Families First Coronavirus Response Act of 2020 (PL 116-127), as amended by the Continuing Appropriations Act 2021 and Other Extensions Act (PL 116-159), the Consolidated Appropriations Act 2021 (PL 116-260), and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (PL 117-2)	Expiration date:	
References:			
Web address:	www.pebt.oregon.gov		

Discussion/interpretation:

Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) for the 2020-2021 school year including the extension for summer 2021 ends October 31, 2021.

Students and children who are eligible for P-EBT will receive their last payment onto their EBT card by October 31, 2021.

Families have 12 months from the date the benefit was deposited to use P-EBT benefits before they expire.

For example, this means that food benefits deposited on July 22, 2021 will be available to use until July 22, 2022.

Resolution of P-EBT cases for the 2020-2021 school year or summer 2021 will continue through the month of November.

Please encourage families with questions about previous benefit issuances to reach out to the ODHS P-EBT team directly through email (ebtschoolmeals@dhs.ohio.state.or.us) prior to December 1, 2021.

211info will continue to support P-EBT calls through the month of November to help connect families to the correct source to resolve questions.

Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) is part of the response to the COVID-19 pandemic and provides food benefits to families with children missing meals due to school and childcare closures. Oregon was approved to administer P-EBT for school year 2020-2021 and summer 2021. ODHS has partnered with the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to provide these food benefits to over 426,000 eligible children statewide.

Guidance for P-EBT for the 2021-2022 school year has been provided by Food and Nutrition Services to all States. Oregon has not yet submitted a state plan for the 2021-2022 school year. Additional information will be provided soon.

Implementation/transition instructions:

Please discuss this information during your team huddles so that staff can provide information to families about how to resolve P-EBT questions and timelines.

For additional information:

[Pandemic EBT SS-PT-21-008](#)

[Pandemic EBT \(P-EBT\) – The Oregon School Meals Benefit System SS-IM-21-012](#)

[Summer Pandemic EBT SS-PT-21-024](#)

Benefits are not transferrable and cannot be gifted or donated. Families can change student's P-EBT opt-in/opt-out status at any time. Families can opt-out through their schools or by email to ODHS at ebt.schoolmeals@dhsosha.state.or.us.

Implementation/transition instructions:

Training/communication plan:

Find up-to-date information and frequently asked questions at: PEBT.oregon.gov

Local/branch action required:

Local branch action is not required.

Field/Stakeholder Review Yes No

Filing Instructions:

Local/branch action required:

Central office action required:

Field/stakeholder review: Yes No

If yes, reviewed by:

Filing instructions:

If you have any questions about this policy, contact:

Contact(s): ODHS Oregon School Meal Benefits Team	
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Email: EBT.schoolmeals@dhsosha.state.or.us	