

SNAP and P-EBT Updates for ES Providers

Temporary SNAP Student Exemptions

Work Study Exemption: This temporarily expands an existing exemption to include any higher education student (otherwise income eligible for SNAP) who is eligible for a work study program. The student does not need to be currently in a work study position or to intend to accept a work study position in the future.

\$0 Expected Family Contribution Exemption: This is a new temporary student exemption. It allows any higher education student (otherwise income eligible for SNAP) to get an exemption if their financial aid award letter lists their expected family contribution as \$0.

Both exemptions expire the month after the federal human services emergency ends or when the student recertifies, whichever is later. Students can submit verification of these themselves through their financial aid award letter in their student portal.

Temporary 15% Increase

Families already receiving the maximum SNAP benefit will receive 15% more SNAP benefits. All families receiving SNAP will see an increase in either their SNAP or E-SNAP benefits, depending on household circumstances. Some families will experience an increase in their initial SNAP benefit, but a decrease in their E-SNAP benefit. Questions about individual cases can be directed to county workers.

P-EBT

There will not be an application process for 2020-2021 P-EBT benefits; eligible families will be issued benefits automatically. To receive benefits, children must be enrolled in SNAP, the Minnesota Family Investment Program, or free or reduced-price school meals. Eligibility and benefit amounts for the 2020-2021 P-EBT program are likely to differ from the 2019-2020 program. Steps families can take to ensure that the P-EBT process is as smooth as possible.

- Make sure the school has current address and contact information.
- If a child does not receive MFIP or SNAP and is not enrolled in free or reduced-price meals, but you think they may qualify, **submit an Application for Educational Benefits through the child's school as soon as possible. If you have questions, contact the child's school.**