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What is the SUNCAP Food Assistance Program?

The SUNCAP Program is a special Food Assistance Program for individuals who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI). You may be eligible to receive food assistance benefits through the SUNCAP Program without any additional application, paperwork, or interviews.

If you already receive food assistance benefits in the regular Food Assistance Program, you may be automatically put in the SUNCAP Program when you become SSI eligible.

If your food assistance benefits will go down because of SUNCAP, you may choose to continue receiving your food assistance benefits under the regular Food Assistance Program.

Florida currently serves over 44,000 SUNCAP households statewide.

Who is eligible for the SUNCAP Program?

Individuals may be eligible for SUNCAP if they wish to apply for Food Assistance and:

- Receive SSI,
- Are at least 18 years old,
- Are not working, and
- Purchase and prepare food alone.

What are the benefits of the SUNCAP Program?

- Your interview for SSI benefits is your interview for SUNCAP.
- You won't be asked to complete separate forms.
- You won't be asked for additional copies of your personal records.
- You only have to report changes in your situation that are required by the Social Security Administration (SSA).
- You only need to be recertified every three years through your SSI renewal.
- You will receive an EBT (Electronic Benefit Transfer) card to access your Food Assistance benefits.

Do I have to get my Food Assistance through the SUNCAP Program?

No, you can choose to receive in the regular Food Assistance Program if you:

- Pay more than $35 a month in out-of-pocket medical expenses; or
- Pay more than $800.00 per month for rent, mortgage, or property taxes.

How do I apply for the SUNCAP Program?

File for SSI at one of the Florida Social Security offices, and Social Security will decide if you are eligible for SUNCAP, or

File for the regular Food Assistance Program, if you get SSI you will be converted to SUNCAP, or

Contact the SUNCAP Unit If you already get SSI, but **do not** get Food Assistance.

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- *To apply for regular food assistance:* https://www.myflorida.com/accessflorida/
- *Conversion from the regular Food Assistance Program may take up to 90 days.*
- *SUNCAP cases are not eligible for Expedited Food Assistance or partial months of benefits.*