Delaware's SNAP Program Issues Additional Emergency Benefits Available Starting July 31

Existing clients may receive these additional benefits to support food needs

NEW CASTLE (July 31, 2020) – Emergency benefits have been issued to participants of Delaware's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) for July as part of the federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act of 2020.

Under this federal act signed into law March 18, the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) issued emergency benefits to any household not already receiving the maximum monthly SNAP benefit. **SNAP households that already receive the maximum monthly benefit will not receive additional funds.**

The emergency benefits were released July 30, and were automatically loaded to recipients' SNAP Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) cards for use starting July 31. The emergency benefits will allow the household's monthly allotment to increase to the maximum amount for a household of that size, as follows:

Number in SNAP Household	Maximum Benefit Amount
1	$194
2	$355
3	$509
4	$646
5	$768
6	$921
7	$1,018
8	$1,164
Each additional person	$146

SNAP households already received their regular July benefits on their usual issuance dates.

Many SNAP households also received emergency benefits in March, April, May and June. "This additional assistance helps Delaware families who continue to struggle to meet their food and nutritional needs because of the ongoing economic impact of COVID-19," said Molly Magarik, Cabinet Secretary of the Department of Health and Social Services. "DHSS continues to work with our fellow state agencies and community partners to help reduce the number of individuals and families who worry about going hungry."

More than 120,000 Delawareans receive SNAP benefits. The average size of a SNAP household in Delaware is 2.04 individuals and the average monthly benefit amount is $233. Individuals seeking to apply for SNAP benefits in Delaware may apply online through https://assist.dhss.delaware.gov/ or by phone at 1-866-843-7212.