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New supplemental SNAP increases being issued in October

SANTA FE – The New Mexico Human Services Department announced that New Mexico households receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits will again receive the maximum amount for their household size for the month of October.

Beginning in March 2020, SNAP households that were not already receiving the maximum SNAP benefit amount for their household size received an increase to their benefits to bring them to the maximum amount each month. These increases were made to help reduce food insecurity for New Mexicans during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“HSD will continue to help New Mexicans during this difficult time,” said Karmela Martinez, director of HSD’s Income Support Division which administers the SNAP program, formally known as food stamps. “These additional benefits will help many families who are struggling to put food on the table.”

SNAP households will automatically receive the additional allotment in the same way they receive their current benefits. SNAP recipients with a regular issuance date of Oct. 1-10 will receive a supplement on Oct. 10, 2020. SNAP recipients with a regular issuance date of Oct. 11-30 will receive their benefits and the supplement on their regular issuance date.

Individuals seeking to apply for SNAP benefits may apply online through www.yes.state.nm.us or by phone at 1-800-283-4465. Newly approved SNAP recipients will be eligible for the supplemental benefit.

On the next page is a table that reflects the maximum monthly allotment per household size.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – SNAP Oct. 1, 2020 – Sept. 30, 2021	
Household Size	**Maximum SNAP Monthly Allotment**
1	$204
2	$374
3	$535
4	$680
5	$807
6	$969
7	$1,071
8	$1,224
+ Each Additional Person	+$153

The Human Services Department provides services and benefits to more than 1 million New Mexicans through several programs including: the Medicaid Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Child Support Program, and several Behavioral Health Services.

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