Delaware's SNAP Program to Issue Additional Emergency Benefits That Will Be Available Starting May 30

Existing clients may receive additional benefits for May 2020

NEW CASTLE (May 28, 2020) – Emergency benefits will be issued to participants of Delaware's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) for May 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) will issue 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 will be released Friday evening, May 29, and will automatically load to recipients' SNAP Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) cards for use starting Saturday, May 30. 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 will receive their regular May and June benefits on their usual issuance dates.

Many SNAP households also received emergency benefits in March and April. "We are pleased and grateful for this additional assistance to Delaware families who continue to struggle to meet

their food and nutritional needs because of the devastating economic impact of the coronavirus crisis," said Dr. Kara Odom Walker, 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 are worried 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.