SNAP Update for 2021

Recipients of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) will receive Emergency Allotments (supplements) in January 2021. These emergency benefits will be made available on January 5, 2021, for SNAP cases with a paid benefit for January. SNAP households approved for benefits during the month of January will receive the supplemental payment two (2) days after case approval.

Due to legislation passed by Congress and signed by the President, SNAP households will receive a 15% increase in benefits from January 2021 through June 2021. This benefit increase will be in addition to the Emergency Allotments being made available beginning January 5, 2021. For example, a one-person household receiving the maximum amount of $204 January 5 will receive an additional 15% benefit, or $30, during the month of January. At this time, the issuance date for the additional 15% benefit is uncertain. MDHS is making the necessary updates to our SNAP Benefits System and will make a public notification once the issuance date is determined.

UPDATE: The additional 15% in benefits for January 2021 will be issued to SNAP recipients on January 6th. All SNAP households approved on or after January 6th will receive the 15% increase in the household's normal issuance. The additional SNAP benefits will be included with the SNAP household's normal issuance each month after (February – June) while the household remains eligible.

UPDATE: The 15% increase in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits has been extended through September 2021. The original temporary increase in SNAP benefits was scheduled to expire at the end of June 2021. However, under the recently enacted American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) of 2021, SNAP households will continue to receive the increase in benefits through September 2021. This extension does not represent an additional increase in benefits. It only means that the 15% benefit increase that began in January 2021 is being extended through September 2021.

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