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Increased Food Assistance Continues

(Des Moines, Iowa) – The Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS) submitted another federal waiver to Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) to ensure continued expanded access to food.

This federal waiver allows for continued increased benefits for current and newly eligible applicants. DHS will increase June Food Assistance benefits to the maximum allowable amount per household. If a household is not already receiving the maximum amount for June, those additional benefits will be added to their EBT card with their normal monthly benefits.

Household Size	Max Allotment
1	$194
2	$355
3	$509
4	$646
5	$768
6	$921
7	$1018
8	$1164
9	$1310
10	$1456
11	$1602
12	$1748
13	$1894
14	$2040
15	$2186
16	$2332

Food Assistance Auto-Recertification
Food Assistance households who would normally have a recertification due in March, April, May or June have had their cases recertified for six months. A Notice of Decision will not be sent to households regarding this extension.

Suspension of Food Assistance Work Requirements
Federal legislation allows states to suspend Food Assistance work requirements, except in limited circumstances. Food Assistance recipients will **not** have benefits terminated for failure to comply with work requirements.

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