



Extra SNAP Benefits are Coming Starting in April 2021!



What you need to know: EVERYONE who gets SNAP is getting extra benefits, called “emergency allotments” (EAs), in April 2021 and can spend them without worry. EAs are to help with food costs during the pandemic.

- Before now, EAs were only going to households that did not get the maximum SNAP benefits for their family size. Those EAs will remain the same for nearly all households.
- As a result of a lawsuit Community Legal Services settled with USDA, EAs will now also go to households that receive the maximum benefit.
- DHS does not have time to mail notices. Please spread the word to avoid potential confusion!

Details on Emergency Allotments (EAs): The EA amount you get depends on 1) your household size, and 2) if you are already getting the maximum benefit amount for your household (see chart).

- If the SNAP benefits you got in the first half of April were less than the maximum amount for your household size, your EA will bring you up to the maximum benefit.
 - For example, if you are a 3-person household and got \$200 in SNAP, you will get \$416 to bring you up to the \$616 maximum benefit.
- If you got the maximum SNAP benefit amount for your household size in the first half of April, your EA *for April only** will be half (50%) of the maximum SNAP benefit.
 - For example, if you are a 3-person household and got \$616 in SNAP in early April, your EA for April will be \$308.
- No extra paperwork is needed. You will get the extra SNAP automatically.
- Starting in May, the minimum EA for all households will be \$95.

Maximum SNAP benefits (Jan. 1 - Sept. 30, 2021)	
Household Size	Maximum Benefit
1	\$234
2	\$430
3	\$616
4	\$782
5	\$929
6	\$1,114
Each added person	\$176

When will my extra SNAP benefits (EA) come? The date your extra SNAP benefits will be put on your EBT card is based on the last number of your case record number. To find your April payment date:

- Find the last number (0-9) of your record number on a DHS notice, or using MyCOMPASS online.
- Find your number on the top row of the chart below
 - For example, if your record number ends in 5, you will get your extra SNAP benefits on April 22

Last number of Record #	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0
Issuance	April 16	April 19	April 20	April 21	April 22	April 23	April 26	April 27	April 28	April 29

**April EAs for people receiving the maximum benefit are part of the court settlement. These people will also get extra SNAP for the period 9/11/20 - 3/31/21 as a result of the settlement, probably in May or June.*