

SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROGRAMS

Making benefits easier to get during the COVID-19 pandemic

The safety and well-being of staff and customers is critical. With the closure of schools and businesses, benefits and services continue to become even more important to those needing cash and food help.

TEMPORARY POLICY CHANGES

EMPLOYMENT RELATED DAY CARE

- Copays waived to \$0 for families
- Increased the initial income limit
- Expanded the number of absent days providers may bill DHS each month
- Providers can bill DHS for short-term closures through May 2020
- Waived the fingerprint requirement for new providers and providers needing re-evaluation (background checks continue)
- Increased timeframes for required CPR/First Aid trainings
- Health and safety visits are being done virtually in most cases

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

- Interviews not required for SNAP applications with filing dates on or before May 31, 2020
- Suspended time limits for work requirements
- Households due to recertify in March, April, May or June will have their certification period extended 6 months automatically. No additional action is required.
- Do not need to complete interim change or mid-certification reviews in March, April or May.

TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES

- Ended active JOBS disqualifications
- Ended active penalties for a person who is not cooperating with child support
- Personal Development Plans for JOBS activities can be updated based on the current situation
- The initial resource limit is now \$10,000 for new applicants (was \$2,500)
- JOBS Plus participants can suspend placements and still receive their TANF and SNAP benefit

TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS

- Seeing walk-in applicants immediately for intake

GENERAL

- Allowing the SNAP online application to be used for ERDC and TANF/Refugee
- Interviews are to be completed by phone
- A telephonic option is available to complete the application and signature process for TANF, ERDC and TA-DVS
- SNAP emergency allotments conditionally approved for the duration of the public health emergency ([press release](#))

New web page
<https://govstatus.egov.com/or-dhs-benefits>

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