

TANF benefits can be received by one of three issuance methods. The issuance methods are: Virginia debit MasterCard® card (EPPICard), Direct Deposit to your personal bank account, and check. You must tell your TANF worker which issuance method you want to use. If you decide to change your issuance method, you must complete a [Request for Change of Issuance Method](#) form and return the form to your worker.

- To receive your benefits through the Virginia Debit MasterCard® Card (EPPICard), you must have a valid Social Security Number. EPPICard insures that you will receive your monthly TANF benefits by the first day of the month even when the first is on a holiday or weekend. The EPPICard offers you fast access to your benefits at ATMs, banks, and retail stores. There are fees that may be charged with the EPPICard but you can avoid them by using your fee-free withdrawals and the cash back option at retail stores each month. You can learn more about the EPPICard at www.EPPICard.com.

To receive your benefits by Direct Deposit, you must have a valid checking or savings account. Direct Deposit also insures that your TANF benefits will be received by the first day of each month and offers you the convenience of using your own checking or savings account. Your bank may charge fees for this account. Please be sure to talk with someone from your bank about the guidelines and fees that will apply to your account. You can enroll in Direct Deposit by completing the [Direct Deposit Enrollment Authorization](#) and returning it to your worker.