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Emergency Allotments Will Continue for SNAP Households in April

USDA approves new temporary increase in maximum allotments

Richmond, VA (April 12, 2021) – Virginia’s Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) will again release emergency allotments of benefits to eligible households this month. Benefits will be automatically loaded to recipients’ Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) cards on **Friday, April 16**.

The emergency allotments raise existing SNAP households’ monthly allotment to the maximum allowable based on household size as follows:

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS
TEMPORARY MAXIMUM MONTHLY ALLOTMENTS
JANUARY 1, 2021 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

Maximum SNAP Allotments for 48 States and D.C.

Household Size	48 States and DC
1	\$234
2	\$430
3	\$616
4	\$782
5	\$929
6	\$1,114
7	\$1,232



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8	\$1,408
Each additional person	\$176

Additionally, the Virginia Department of Social Services received federal approval from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to ensure current SNAP households receive a minimum of \$95 in emergency allotments. Households that are not currently receiving an emergency allotment due to already meeting the maximum allowable will now receive an additional \$95 per month. Households currently receiving an emergency allotment that is less than \$95 will receive an additional allotment for the difference.

SNAP participants with questions related to their benefits are encouraged to contact their [local department of social services](#) or visit CommonHelp at commonhelp.virginia.gov to access account information.

For additional information regarding SNAP, how to apply, and other assistance programs, visit dss.virginia.gov/benefit/.

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