

# 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 through their current certification period
- 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 June 30, 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, May or June 2020.

## 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
- Pandemic EBT for March, April, May and June

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

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