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WASHCAP Food Benefits

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What is WASHCAP?

Washington State Combined Application Project

WASHCAP is:

- A food assistance project in Washington for most single SSI recipients that began in 2001.
- A joint effort between Food and Nutrition Services, the Department of Social and Health Services, and the Social Security Administration
- Designed to provide easier access to food assistance for some of our most vulnerable residents

Who is eligible for WASHCAP benefits?

- WASHCAP is a mandatory food program for people who meet the following criteria:
 - Receive SSI income
 - Are at least 18 years old
 - Not married OR married but not living with spouse
 - Not living with children under 22 years old
 - Not working
 - Live alone OR buy and fix food apart from the other people they live with
- There are specific instances where a person could choose to opt out of WASHCAP. Please contact the Central Unit if you would like more information.

What are the benefits of WASHCAP?

- Interview for SSI benefits may be the interview for food assistance
- When Social Security reviews your case, WASHCAP food assistance may also be recertified during the review.
- We will not ask customers to fill out a lot of forms
- There may be a longer certification period for benefits
- May never need to go to a DSHS office
- Report changes to the Social Security office

How to contact WASHCAP

WASHCAP Central Unit workers are available for calls from 8 -12 and 12:30 – 5, Monday through Friday.

- Call the Central Unit at 1-877-380-5784

If you have questions for Social Security, you can reach them at:

- 1-800-772-1213

Any questions?

Thank you for your time! 😊

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