

## First Friday Forum 12.04.2020

### Classic Medicaid Information

*as of December 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2020	Oldest Document	Total Cases
Classic Medicaid: Spend Down Program	11/23/2020	203
Classic Medicaid: Daily Spenddown Emergent Cases	11/30/2020	1
Classic Medicaid: Alien Emergency Medical Program	11/18/200	50

### Community Services Office Lobbies are closed

- All business conducted over the phone (877-501-2233).
- Identocard service is back.
- Telephonic signature for all applications and eligibility reviews.
- No EBT cards issued at the local offices except for clients with general delivery.
- Drop boxes are still available.

### New Telephone Options

- Social Service Q&A
- TANF Q&A
- TANF Intakes with Comprehensive Eval (Pt. 1)

### Certification Period Extensions

- Food/Cash ER due in Nov. or Dec. = 2 months extension
- Food/Cash ER due in Jan. or Feb. = 4 months extension
- MCRs are waived from Nov. to June 2021
- Medical ERs will continue to get auto-extended at least through Jan

### Asset Verification System

- Coming mid-December
- Online resource verification
- For SSI-related medical and Medicare Savings Program applications and eligibility reviews
- Similar to HCA and AL TSA system

### **Disaster Cash Assistance (DCAP)**

- Covid DCAP – Active
- Wildfire DCAP – Application Deadline 11/9
- Undocumented clients are eligible
- Not subject to public charge
- Single adults and adults without children who do not qualify for other cash programs.

### **Minimum Wage & COLA Adjustment**

- State minimum wage increased = \$13.69 per hour
- SSI increased to \$794 per month
- Benefits may be affected by these changes. Change letters will be set.

### **P-EBT (Pandemic EBT)**

- Program closed
- Awaiting on directions from the Feds regarding PEBT benefits for Fall 2020
- \$60 Million in PEBT benefits issued to non-BF households
- \$87 Million issued to BF households
- 399,733 children received PEBT benefits

### **Child Care (DCYF)**

- Homelessness grace period extended to 12 months
- Expanded eligibility for single parents to attend school/training
- Co-pays waived Oct-Dec
- Max Co-pay \$115 (Jan 2021-June 2021)

### **Basic Food Allotments**

- All households will receive the maximum benefit amount for their household size
- March – October 2020
- Also, December 2020

### **Safeway**

- Curbside pick-up for SNAP EBT
- Order online; choose EBT at checkout
- Bring EBT card to Safeway when picking up

## ORCA LIFT & Subsidized Annual Pass



### Client Survey

- Clients may receive a letter and/or call about a survey for DSHS
- These are legitimate and those who participate and meet criteria may be eligible for a \$20 gift card from Safeway
- **All respondents get entered into a contest for a \$125 Safeway gift card**

### Questions?

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