

Classic Medicaid Information

	Oldest Document	Total Cases
Classic Medicaid: Spend Down Program	5/27/21	107
Classic Medicaid: Daily Spenddown Emergent Cases	6/1	1
Classic Medicaid: Alien Emergency Medical Program	5/27/21	46

Community Services Office Lobbies are closed

- All business conducted over the phone (877-501-2233)
- **Identicard 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.

P-EBT (Pandemic EBT)

- P-EBT cards have been issued.
- Address changes must be reported to the school (not DSHS) by June 14.
- June 23: Addresses will be updated in vendor system and new cards will be sent out.
- DSHS cannot replace P-EBT cards.
- P-EBT Questions: 833-518-0282
- P-EBT can be used at participating farmers markets.

Change to Public Charge

- August 2019 rule expanding public charge has been rescinded.
- Department of Homeland Security has reverted to 1999 Public Charge rule.
- Food benefits are not included in public charge.

TANF reengagement

- Mandatory participation in WorkFirst to start again in late September 2021
- Case managers will begin to reach out and re-establish contact with caseloads starting May 10.
- WorkFirst partner agencies have been notified.
- Letters will be sent out to clients.

Disaster Cash Assistance Program (restarted)

- Applicants may be eligible every month.
- No SSN or citizenship requirement
- Households with or without children may be eligible.
- Not subject to public charge
- Max grant = TANF grant amount
- June 2021 may be the last month.
- Requires a new application every month.
 - Must meet eligibility and “needs criteria” every month.

Basic Food Allotments

- New changes:
 - Households are eligible for at least the maximum allotment for their household size.
 - If the difference between a household’s usual Basic Food allotment and their maximum allotment is less than \$95, the household will receive the difference.
 - All households will receive at least \$95 in additional food benefits.
 - Example: pre-COVID allotment (household of one) = \$210*
 - Maximum allotment (household of one) = \$234*
 - \$234-\$210 = \$24*
 - \$95-\$24 = \$71*
 - Total allotment = \$305 (\$234 + \$71)*
 - New guidance from Food and Nutrition Service
 - Households that usually receive a \$0 benefit allotment are no longer eligible for the maximum emergency issuance.
 - Federal rule change
- Maximum allotments are approved for June 2021.
- **IMPORTANT:** Once Federal Public Health Emergency declaration ends, we will only be able to issue one more month worth of max benefits.
 - Example: If federal declaration ends June 30, July will be the last month of max benefits.*

Refugee Cash and Medical

- Normal certification period: eight months
- Benefits will continue regardless of certification until Sept. 30, 2021.
- Clients who are currently receiving RCA or RMA benefits, and who continue to meet other eligibility criteria, will have their benefits automatically extended.

Cash Assistance Increased 15%

- TANF, SFA, RCA, PWA, CEAP, DCAP will increase 15% on July 1.
- Change letters will be sent mid-month.

- Clients will automatically receive the increase.

HH	Payment Standard
1	417
2	528
3	654
4	771
5	888
6	1009
7	1165
8*	1289
9	1416
10+	1539

NEW: Customer Connect

- New Interactive Voice Response System
- Front-end of the Call Center phone number
- Allows clients to choose self-service or assisted service
- Features:
 - Verify status, including benefit amounts, next benefit payment, benefit balances, and when their next review is due.

Questions?

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