

Classic Medicaid Information

	Oldest Document	Total Cases
Classic Medicaid: Spend Down Program	5/3	4
Classic Medicaid: Daily Spenddown Emergent Cases	N/A	0
Classic Medicaid: Alien Emergency Medical Program	4/19	35

Community Services Office Reopen on February 28

- Every office is open for full service!
- Remote/Virtual service continues to be available through the Call Center (877-501-2233)
- Office Hours 8am – 5pm
- Interview hours 8am – 3pm
- Report changes 8am – 4pm
- NEW: EBT Hours 9am – 4pm

Max Basic Food benefit amounts

- Approved for May 2022
- All Basic Food households except for those with a \$0 issuance
- Temporary increase, and it will end when COVID Emergency ends.

New Online Retailers – EBT cards

- Walmart (cash and food)
- Amazon Fresh (food only)
- NEW: Albertsons and Safeway (cash and food)

Public Health Emergency Extended

- Extended until July 15.
- No Classic Medicaid accounts will close during this time
- When PHE ends, client will need to complete an Eligibility Review at the end of their certification period
- No interview is necessary! No need to call in to complete *medical* Eligibility Reviews

(Post)Pandemic Time Limit Extension

- TANF households are normally limited to 60 months of TANF benefits
- During COVID, a “Time-Limit Extension” was approved
- All households active on TANF as of March 2020 or later were eligible to receive TANF benefits beyond the 60 months limit
- Now, this extension will continue through June 2023

Pandemic Emergency Assistance Fund

- One-time cash assistance to assist families *with children* due to the pandemic

- Households must be active on Food (state or federal), Transitional Food or TANF/SFA in the month of May
- Household income must be at or less than 75% of the FPL
- \$127 per qualifying child
- Issued automatically on EBT cards. Approval letters sent
- More information can be found here: <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/esa/policy-changes-response-covid-19>

Mid-Certification Reviews

- January 2022 – June 2022: Mid-Certification Reviews are waived
- No MCR letters will go out to clients

Ukrainian Immigrants

- While we may rightfully use the term “refugee” to describe these immigrants, US immigration law does not classify them as refugees
- Three main types of Ukrainian immigrants:
 - **Humanitarian Parolees** (less than a year) – “DT” coding in the I-94
 - **Applicants for Defensive Asylum** (entered the US often from a bordering country such as Mexico) – will possess *court documents* indicating an application for asylum has been submitted
 - **Temporary Protected Status** – *Employment Authorization Document* (A12 – approved, C19 – applied), form I-821 (application), form I-797 (approval)

“Lawfully present Non-Qualified Aliens”

- Humanitarian Parolees (less than a year)
- Applicants for Asylum
- Those approved for Temporary Protected Status

Not eligible:

- *Applicants* for Temporary Protected Status (their status remains the same as it was at the time of application until application is approved)
- See [WAC 388-424-0001 \(3c\)](#)

[Uniting for Ukraine | USCIS](#) (www.uscis.gov/uniting-for-Ukraine)

Non-Qualified Immigrants – DSHS Eligibility

Eligible	NOT ELIGIBLE
FAP (State funded food)	SNAP (Federally funded food)
Aged, Blind and Disabled Cash	RCA (Refugee Cash Assistance)
Housing and Essential Needs	
Medical Care Services (if on ABD/HEN)	Classic Medicaid & Medicare Savings Program
SFA (State Family Assistance)	TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families)
Alien Emergent Medical (if not on MCS)	
CEAP (Consolidated Emergency Assistance)	

NOTE: State funded benefits match federal benefits.

Info on immigrant eligibility for medical benefits:

https://www.hca.wa.gov/assets/free-or-low-cost/citizenship_alien_status_guide.pdf

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