

**Classic Medicaid Information**

	<b>Oldest Document</b>	<b>Total Cases</b>
<b>Spend Down Program</b>	<b>1/18</b>	<b>118</b>
<b>Daily Spenddown Emergent Cases</b>	<b>1/31</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Alien Emergency Medical Program</b>	<b>1/11</b>	<b>99</b>

**Max Basic Food benefit amounts**

- Approved for February 2023.
- All Basic Food households except for those with a \$0 issuance.
- Since Washington's state of emergency related to the pandemic ended 10/31/2022, you may be wondering how that impacts emergency allotments. We have good news!
- CSD provided a declaration supporting continuation of benefits due to COVID-19 for our clients. USDA Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) approved this declaration, allowing us to continue to *request emergency supplements on a monthly basis.*

**Maximum BF Allotments end after February**

- Due to the COVID emergency, CSD has been able to issue the maximum food allotments to households (based on household size) since March 2020
- So long as the household received any food benefits amount, they instead received the maximum during this time
- Due to the passage of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023, CSD may no longer issue these allotments

**Maximum BF Allotments end after February**

- What can BF customers do?
  - Ensure they have informed us of any changes that might increase their benefit amount:
    - Job Loss
    - Reduction in Hours
    - Additional people joined the household
- What can we do?
  - Ensure customers are aware this change is coming
  - 520,000+ households will receive notification in the mail in over 70 languages

**Social Security Number Requirements**

- Starting October 1, 2022, COVID-19 rules related to social security number (SSN) requirements and automatic good cause extensions are ending.
- Most cash, food and medical programs require an SSN for applicants and recipients of assistance.
- Clients must apply for a SSN and show proof that they are following through with the application process. They must report the SSN to DSHS once they receive it.
- If clients aren't eligible for a regular work SSN, DSHS will assist with non-work SSN process.

### **Afghan and Ukrainian Immigrants – SSN**

- The following immigration codes on I-94s indicate the immigrant is eligible for a regular, work SSN. No need to get a DSHS referral letter:
  - Afghan parolees whose unexpired Form I-94, Arrival/Departure Record contains a class of admission of “OAR”
  - Ukrainian parolees whose unexpired Form I-94 contains a class of admission of “UHP”
  - Ukrainian parolees whose unexpired Form I-94 contains a class of admission of “DT” issued between Feb. 24, 2022, and Sept. 30, 2023, and indicates Ukraine as the country of citizenship on the document

### **ABAWDs**

- ABAWD (Able-Bodied Adults without Dependents)
  - Washington State has a statewide waiver in place until est. June 2023.
  - Currently clients who are considered ABAWDs do not have to meet ABAWD work requirements to continue receiving food benefits.
- It is anticipated that when the waiver expires, counties like King, Snohomish, and Pierce will become non-exempt areas.
- ABAWDs in non-exempt counties will receive notices when the waiver changes.
- Who are ABAWDs?
  - Ages 18 through 49, no minor children in the food household, no exemptions from work requirements

### **New EBT Card Security Features**

- Block out of state transactions
- Block internet transactions
- Security Access Code (different than EBT pin)
- Set up security features on ebtEDGE website or mobile app
- EBT card skimming is on the rise. Please encourage clients to set up security features that will protect their EBT accounts. DSHS can't replace benefits that are stolen due to fraud.

### **Questions?**

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