

**Policy Clarification**  
**SNAP- All**  
**PFS-20319-550**

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**Agency: CAOs**

**Subject: 15 Percent Increase in SNAP and Emergency Allotments**

**Question: OPS 20-12-06 says that starting in February, the 15 percent increase will be included with the regular SNAP issuance. Does this also include the Emergency Allotment to bring a household up to the maximum grant for its household size?**

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**Response By: Division of Federal Programs**

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No. The 15 percent increase is a temporary increase to regular SNAP benefits, so states can simply adjust the monthly SNAP benefit amount to account for the 15 percent increase, which was the purpose of the mass change completed at the end of January. Emergency Allotments are a completely separate type of issuance and must be tracked separately, so they will continue to be issued during the second half of the month as detailed in OPS 20-05-01 and PFS-20207-571.