

Policy Clarification

SNAP-AII

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Agency: CAOs

Subject: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Emergency Allotment Cleanup Issuances

Question: Will households that are found eligible for SNAP benefits after the initial issuance of emergency allotments receive emergency allotments or will they have to wait until the first full month in which they receive their ongoing SNAP benefits?

Response By: DFPPM

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Yes, they will receive a SNAP Emergency Allotment (EA). The United States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition (FNS) approved Pennsylvania to issue cleanup EAs for households that still had pending applications when the initial EAs are issued for a month. These cleanup EAs are issued around the end of the first full week of the month following the month after the EAs are issued to allow for as many applications to be processed from that month within the 30 day application processing timeframe. These cleanup EAs have been issued each month since the EAs began.

Example: A household applies for SNAP benefits on Thursday, December 21, 2020. The CAO processes and approves the SNAP on January 15, 2021. The household is eligible back to the date of application (December 21, 2020). The household does qualify for an EA for December and the EA will be issued around February 5, 2021.