

DATE: December 31, 2020 - May 3, 2021

OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM# 20-12-06

SUBJECT: Revised Temporary Increase of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance

Program (SNAP) Maximum Allotments by 15 Percent

TO: Executive Directors

FROM: Inez Titus

Director

Bureau of Operations

<u>PURPOSE</u>

To inform the County Assistance Offices (CAOs) that SNAP maximum allotment amounts will be increasing by 15 percent effective January 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Congress passed the Consolidated Appropriations Act 2021, which was signed by the President on December 27, 2020. This Act temporarily increases the SNAP maximum benefit allotment to 115 percent of the Thrifty Food Plan (TFP). This change is effective from January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021. Congress passed the American Rescue Plan Act, which was signed by the President on March 11, 2021, which extends the 15 percent increase through September 30, 2021.

In January of 2021, clients will receive their regular SNAP benefit (100 percent of the TFP) on their assigned issuance date. The additional 15 percent will be provided in conjunction with the Emergency Allotments that are issued on the second payment date of the month.

A mass change will be implemented so that beginning in February of 2021, clients will receive their new, increased SNAP allotment (115 percent TFP) on their regular payment days.

Maximum SNAP Allotments for Lower 48 States and DC January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021

Household Size	Max Allotment
1	\$234
2	\$430
3	\$616
4	\$782
5	\$929
6	\$1,114
7	\$1,232
8	\$1,408
Each additional person	\$176

NEXT STEPS

- 1. Review this Operations Memorandum with appropriate staff.
- 2. Direct questions regarding this Operations Memorandum to your Area Manager.
- 3. This policy is in effect until September 30, 2021.