

# Public Assistance & Employment Services Division Updates

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FAIRFAX COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF  
**FAMILY SERVICES**



# Employment Services Update

# Virginia Initiative for Education and Work (VIEW)



VIEW provides adult TANF recipients with the assistance needed to find and maintain employment. Services may include:

- Job readiness training
- Career guidance and coaching
- Education and training
- Childcare assistance
- Transportation assistance
- Evaluation and support for mental health, substance abuse, and learning disabilities
- Emergency assistance and other supports

**Effective January 1, 2023, VIEW returns to pre-pandemic requirements.**

Adult TANF recipients will have 90 days to enroll in VIEW or provide exemption documentation to maintain TANF benefits. Information will be sent by mail and email to affected TANF recipients in the next month.

TANF recipients can contact us now to begin the enrollment process, email [DFSVIEWTeam@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:DFSVIEWTeam@fairfaxcounty.gov) or call 703-533-5483.



# The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

If you or your family **earned less than \$60,000 in 2022**, you may qualify for this free service!

Tax Season 2022 preparation services begin January 2023 at four locations across Fairfax County.

**Walk-ins welcome!**  
No appointment needed.

For more information visit: [NVACASH.org](https://NVACASH.org)



# Medicaid Update

The public health emergency has  
been extended to (at least)  
January 11, 2023.  
Reduction or termination of  
Medicaid coverage continues to be  
prohibited.

# Cardinal Care is COMING SOON!

- **January 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 Virginia Medicaid is launching Cardinal Care**
- **Medicaid coverage will remain the same**
- **Recipients do not need to take any action**
- **Recipients may receive a new card**
- **MCO's will also revise cards with the Cardinal Care logo**
- **More information to come!**



**CardinalCare**  
Virginia's Medicaid Program

On January 1, 2023, Virginia Medicaid will launch Cardinal Care, the new brand that includes all health coverage programs for all Virginia Medicaid members. This new program will help connect you to the care you need, when you need it. The single program will also eliminate gaps in care as your health needs change over time. Cardinal Care will also streamline the enrollment process and simplify program information.

As a Medicaid member, **there is nothing you need to do to take part in this program.** You will continue to have the same benefits and services and see the same doctors and providers. You may begin to see the Cardinal Care brand on some materials, such as your member ID card, websites, and other materials from your health plan or from Virginia Medicaid.

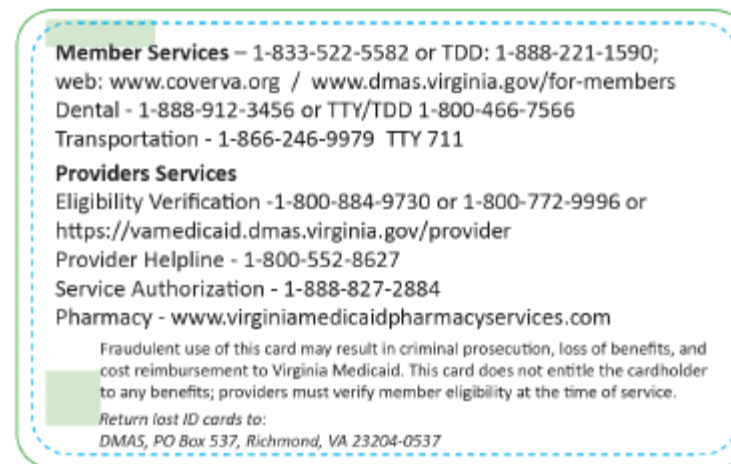
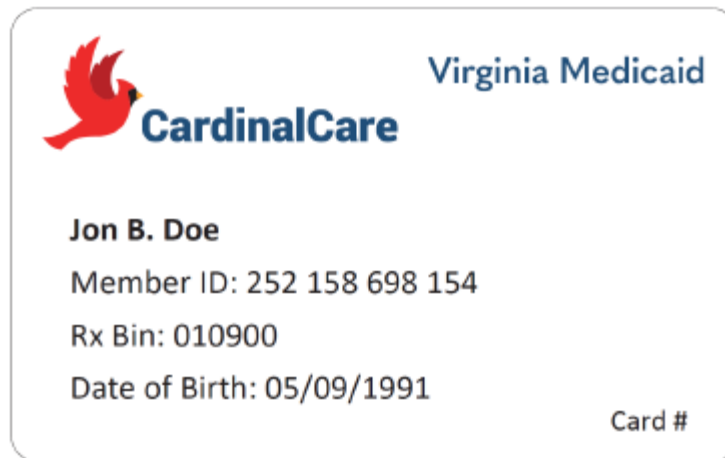
We want you to know that Cardinal Care is the same Virginia Medicaid program that you currently have, with some simple improvements to make it easier to understand and access your coverage. We will continue to share more information with you about Cardinal Care soon. To learn more, visit our [website for members](#).



# Sample Virginia Medicaid ID Cards: January 1, 2023

## Sample Virginia Medicaid ID Cards as of January 1, 2023

The new Cardinal Care fee-for-service card and the blue and white Commonwealth of Virginia ID card are valid for use by Medicaid members.



For the most up to date information: <https://www.dmas.virginia.gov/for-members/cardinal-care>  
FAQs [Cardinal Care Transition](#) | [DMAS - Department of Medical Assistance Services \(virginia.gov\)](#)



# P-EBT Update

## P-EBT for SNAP Recipient Households with Children Under 6



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The purpose of this broadcast is to inform LDSS that VDSS issued on October 28 and November 5, 2022, retroactive P-EBT benefits to eligible SNAP households with child(ren) under the age of 6 as of September 1, 2021, who were not enrolled in school and did not receive school-aged P-EBT benefits during the 2021-2022 school year.

Each eligible child received a one-time monthly benefit of:

- \$32.91 for each month of regular SNAP eligibility, for the months of September – December 2021
- \$28.93 for each month of regular SNAP eligibility, for the months of January – June 2022

Due to a contract delay, the 134,762 SNAP eligible households will receive a letter (please see below for a copy of the letter) advising of the benefits later this month. This letter will go out in both English and Spanish. The return address for the letter is DSS (801 East Main Street, Richmond VA). This letter is not personalized; therefore, it will not be uploaded to the VaCMS case.

Households who were eligible at the time but no longer have active SNAP cases will receive the retro-active benefits on a new P-EBT card by mid-December.

For additional questions or clarifications concerning the letter, please contact the VDSS EBT Administrator.

If you have questions regarding previous issuances of benefits, please contact the P-EBT Call Center from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m Monday – Friday, and Saturdays from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at 866-513-1414 or 804-294-1633 or use the P-EBT [Online Inquiry Form](#).

We review the medical, financial, and food assistance programs available to support adults and families, as well as county and state resources. It's a great opportunity to connect, learn about how to access services conveniently and safely from home, and ask questions.

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