

Changes to SNAP Benefits

Public Assistance & Employment Services Division

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FAIRFAX COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
FAMILY SERVICES



IMPORTANT:

Beginning in March 2023,

**SNAP benefits will return to normal
without the added supplement.**



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Since March 2020, supplemental emergency allotments have been added monthly for SNAP households. This increase in benefits was temporary and federal legislation ends this in February. **February 16th is the last time households will get the emergency allotment.**

DFS mailed the attached flyer in multiple languages to all SNAP households. While we hope that the messages being sent to SNAP households by the Virginia Department of Social Services and DFS are read, there may be situations where the people you serve may not be aware of the change.

In partnership with NCS, DFS created **a communications toolkit** that can be found by following this link: [Changes to SNAP Benefits | Family Services \(fairfaxcounty.gov\)](#) with information in multiple languages (English, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, Korean, Urdu, Amharic, and Vietnamese) about the change and where people can go for help getting food.

Communication

The information provided in this toolkit can be used and shared to inform responses to customer inquiries. Below are a few talking points for reference.

- February 2023 is the last month that the federal government will allow Virginia to issue pandemic emergency food benefits.
- SNAP households will continue to receive their regular SNAP benefits.
- March 2023 will be the first month since April 2020 that most people on SNAP in Virginia will only receive their regular SNAP food benefits.
- The Virginia Department of Social Services has created a temporary information line. Please call: 1-855-635-4370

Resources

- There are many different organizations providing food support in communities throughout Fairfax County - call Fairfax County Coordinated Services Planning: 703-222-0880
- For more food resources, visit the Human Service Resource Guide online at FairfaxCounty.gov/HSRG, and search “food.”

The Public Assistance & Employment Services (PAES) Division continues to offer information sessions for our partners.

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.

Email Patty Araujo at patricia.araujo@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-324-7864 to schedule a session.

