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**Online Guide Transmittal 2021-4
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To: Department of Transitional Assistance Staff
From: Sarah Stuart, Associate Commissioner for Change Management
Re: SNAP: Temporary 15% Increase

Overview

Pursuant to the provisions of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, the Department has temporarily increased the minimum and maximum SNAP allotments by 15 percent. These increases are effective from January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021.

The Department will issue the 15 percent increase each month to eligible SNAP households who are active; pending and received expedited; or received SNAP benefits as part of a 30-day special issuance. This payment will be issued as a related benefit on the same day as the issuance of the Emergency Allotment, and will cover the client for the previous month for which they already received their regular SNAP benefit issuance.

Emergency Allotments for January through June 2021 will reflect the adjusted maximum SNAP allotments, and will be issued separately from the related benefit for the 15 percent increase. The 15 percent increase will not impact existing procedures for Emergency Allotments, which are outlined in Online Guide Transmittal 2020-30D.

Purpose

The purpose of this Online Guide Transmittal is to advise staff of the temporary 15 percent increase to the minimum and maximum SNAP benefit levels, and the corresponding updates to the Online Guide.

**New Online
Guide Pages**

Book:	COVID-19
Page:	Temporary 15% SNAP Increase

Questions

If you have any policy or procedural questions, after conferring with the appropriate TAO personnel, please have your Systems Information Specialists or TAO management email them to DTA.Procedural Issues.

Systems issues should be directed to the Systems Support Help Desk.
