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**Online Guide Transmittal 2021-2  
December 24, 2020**

**To: Department of Transitional Assistance Staff**  
**From:  Sarah Stuart, Associate Commissioner for Change Management**  
**Re: Cross Program: School Year 2020-21 Pandemic EBT Benefits**

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**Overview**

The Continuing Appropriations Act of 2021 has extended Pandemic EBT (P-EBT), a provision initially included in The Families First Coronavirus Response Act.

In response to the COVID-19 public health crisis, schools in Massachusetts have been able to select their reopening models as either fully remote, fully in-person, or hybrid (mix of remote and in-person learning). The learning model selected by the school district and/or student's family impacts their P-EBT eligibility.

P-EBT benefits can be used anywhere that SNAP benefits are accepted. P-EBT was issued to active DTA households as well as households that do not currently receive DTA benefits but include children who receive free or reduced-price school meals.

**Purpose**

The purpose of this Transmittal is to advise staff of the processing and issuance of Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) for October/November and the rest of the 2020-2021 school year.

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**New Online  
Guide Pages**

**Topic:** Cross Program  
**Book:** COVID-19  
**Page:** School Year 2020-21 Pandemic EBT Benefits

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**Obsoleted  
Transmittals**

This Online Guide Transmittal obsoletes:

- 2020-33A: Cross Program: Pandemic EBT Benefits
  - 2020-33B: Cross Program: Pandemic EBT Benefits
  - 2020-33C: Cross Program: September Pandemic EBT Benefits
  - 2020-73: Cross Programs: September Pandemic EBT Benefits
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**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.

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