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Basic Food Education Forum

Spring 2020

Washington State Department of Social and Health Services



Community Services Office Lobbies are closed

- All business conducted over the phone (877-501-2233).
- Telephonic signature for all applications and eligibility reviews.
- No EBT cards issued at the local offices except for clients with general delivery.
- Case managers can be contacted through the Call Center. They will call clients back.
- Identocard service is suspended.

Basic Food Work Requirements/ABAWD

- Delayed for most of the state
- King County clients exempt from Work Registration requirements for March, April and May

Temp Assistance for Needy Families

- Time Limit Extensions are currently being granted for all
- Applicants must apply for potential sources of income (UC benefits, PFML, etc.)
- For Support Services, contact the Call Center (877-501-2233) and the Case Manager will call the client back

Verification

- Client attestation is currently acceptable to verify stop work, last pay date and last pay amount.
- Client attestation is currently acceptable for income and resource verification for Classic Medical
- Client attestation is acceptable for incurred medical expenses needed to meet spenddown for the Medically Needy program.

EBT on-line purchase pilot

amazon

The Amazon logo, featuring the word "amazon" in a bold, black, sans-serif font with a curved orange arrow underneath it pointing from the letter 'a' to the letter 'z'.

Walmart

The Walmart logo, featuring the word "Walmart" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font followed by a yellow six-pointed starburst icon.

Emergency Food Supplements

- All Basic Food households will received the maximum benefit allotment for their household size for March and April.
- Households already receiving the maximum amount will not be eligible.
- Clients do not have to request this. It is automatic.
- No direct communication is planned. Extra funds will just appear on client's EBT cards.
- Newly approved households will also be eligible.

Emergency Food Vouchers

- This is a city of Seattle program
- This is not affiliated with DSHS
- Issued to families enrolled in city-supported child care or food assistance programs

Disaster Cash Assistance (DCAP)

- The applicant must be living in Washington before the emergency happened. They must have suffered a loss of income or property as a result of the emergency, which could be a layoff, furlough, or the inability to go to work.
- The program is available for one month in a 12 month period.
 - DCAP is a temporary program. We will notify you when the program is no longer available.

Disaster Cash Assistance (DCAP)

- The applicant must apply for other assistance available, such as:
 - TANF/SFA/RCA
 - Aged, Blind or Disabled (ABD) cash
 - Pregnant Women Assistance (PWA)
 - Unemployment compensation
 - Paid Family & Medical Leave through ESD or their employer

Disaster Cash Assistance (DCAP)

- Under DCAP, applicants are not required to:
 - Meet citizenship or alien requirements; or
 - Provide a social security number; or
 - Be pregnant or have a minor child

Disaster Cash Assistance (DCAP)

- Single adults and adults without children who do not qualify for other cash programs.
- Payments will not exceed the TANF payment standard
 - 1 person = \$363
 - 2 person = \$459

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Questions?

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