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**Online Guide Transmittal 2022-51
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To: Department of Transitional Assistance Staff
From: Sarah Stuart, Associate Commissioner for Change Management
Re: SNAP: P-EBT for Children 0-5 Years for School Year 2021-2022

Overview

The Families First Coronavirus Response Act established the option for states to administer Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) benefits. The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 has allowed states to continue providing P-EBT to children aged 0-5 years old for School Year (SY) 2021-2022.

For children aged 0-5 years old to be eligible for SY 2021-2022 P-EBT benefits the child must be:

- under the age of 6; and
- in an active SNAP case in month(s) during SY 2021-2022. This includes households that received expedited benefits only.

On June 25, 2022 eligible Massachusetts children aged 0-5 years will receive a retroactive P-EBT payment of \$37 per month for any month or months from September 2021 through November 2021 that they were in an active SNAP household. The remaining monthly payments for December 2021 through February 2022, and March 2022 through June 2022 will be issued on September 25, 2022. These P-EBT benefits may differ from the June 25th payment as payments rates for the subsequent periods will be determined by the state's Child and Adult Care Food Program (CAFPC) data available at a later time.

Purpose

The purpose of this Online Guide Transmittal is to advise staff of the processing and issuance of P-EBT benefits for children aged 0-5 years old for School Year 2021-2022.

**Revised Online
Guide Pages**

Book:	COVID-19
Book:	P-EBT
Page:	P-EBT Eligibility and Amounts SY 2021-2022

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.

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