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**Online Guide Transmittal 2022-52
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To: Department of Transitional Assistance Staff
From: Sarah Stuart, Associate Commissioner for Change Management
Re: Cross Programs: Summer 2022 P-EBT Benefits

Overview

The Families First Coronavirus Response Act, H.R. 6201, includes a provision called “Pandemic EBT or P-EBT” which allows a set amount of benefits that can be used for SNAP eligible purchases, to be issued to children who usually receive free or reduced-price meals and children in childcare. The Department received approval to continue providing P-EBT for families through summer 2022. The benefits cover the summer period of 6/22/2022 through 8/31/2022. The Summer P-EBT benefit is \$391 per child, with a payment of \$195.50 to be issued in July and August.

To be eligible for Summer P-EBT benefits, children must receive free or reduced-price school meals or be in a SNAP household and under the age of 6. Summer P-EBT benefits will be issued to DTA households and Non-DTA households.

Summer P-EBT benefits will be issued to children under the age of 6 who were present in an Active SNAP household or were present in a SNAP household that received expedited benefits only, even if the household was not approved for ongoing SNAP benefits.

Additionally, guidance has been updated to address procedures for staff to better assist clients when disputing the P-EBT benefit amount received for School Year (SY) 2021-2022.

Purpose

The purpose of this Online Guide Transmittal is to advise staff of eligibility and issuance of Summer P-EBT for SY 2021-2022, and updates to guidance for disputing P-EBT benefits for SY 2021-2022.

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Topic: COVID-19
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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.
