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To: Department of Transitional Assistance Staff

Re: Cross Program: Summer P-EBT Benefits

Overview

Under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, the Department received approval to continue providing P-EBT benefits to families through Summer 2021. The Summer P-EBT benefit is \$375 and will be issued in July and August in the amount of \$187.50 each.

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. Some of the eligible P-EBT households will be active DTA households while others may not be in receipt of any other DTA benefits.

Additionally, 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.

Purpose

The purpose of this Online Guide Transmittal is to inform staff of Summer P-EBT benefits and the change to eligibility for P-EBT for children under the age of 6 who were part of a SNAP household.

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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.