

PPER Email 2014-8: Photo EBT Card Opt-In

Effective with BEACON Build 46.2, scheduled for March 17, 2014, EBT cardholders who are not required under Chapter 65 of the Acts of 2013 to have a Photo EBT card, but wish to have one, may be issued one by EBT clerk without seeing a case manager first.

Cardholders who are:

- age 18 and under;
- age 60 or over;
- blind;
- disabled; or
- a victim of domestic violence

are granted an exception under the law. Individuals who meet one of these criteria but who wish to have a Photo EBT card may Opt-In. EBT clerical staff will now have the user capability to edit the Override field to allow clients to Opt-In.

Photo Mandatory cardholders, who believe one of the Exception reasons applies to them or wishes to Opt-Out, must continue to be referred to their case manager.

See Operations Memos 2014-17 and 2014-18 for additional guidance.