

NOTICE TO FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES RECIPIENTS

Effective April 1, 2021

The President's Executive Order on Economic Relief Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic, issued January 22, 2021, directed all Federal agencies to consider administrative actions to better address the current economic crisis resulting from the pandemic. As a result, United States Department of Agriculture has issued new guidance to states providing emergency supplements to Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) households.

Under this new policy, households who had not been receiving emergency supplements and those whose emergency supplements were less than \$95 per month will receive increased benefits. Emergency supplements **will not** change for households who had been receiving emergency supplements benefits of \$95 or more per month.

You have the right to a fair hearing of your case if you do not agree with our decision. You can request a fair hearing by letting your local county department of social services know of your request. You may request the hearing in person, by telephone, or in writing. The hearing may be requested by any member of your FNS unit or by your representative, including an attorney obtained at your own expense. Free legal advice may be available. Contact your nearest Legal Services Office.

You have 90 calendar days from April 1, 2021 to ask for a hearing. If you do not ask for a hearing by 06/30/2021, you cannot have one.

To find out what your benefits are, Download the ebtEDGE mobile app. The app is available as a free download on the Apple Store and Google Play or call Customer Service at 1-888-622-7328 on the day you normally receive benefits.

If you have any other questions about these changes, contact your local Department of Social Services.