SNAP – Food Supplement Program – nutrition assistance

- Work requirements are suspended for all recipients.
- Households will receive the maximum possible benefits for April, May, June, July, and August.
- Generous use of good cause for verification requirements.
- Applications and recertifications can be signed through verbal attestation (over the phone).
- The Worker Supplement Benefit (WSB) will increase from $50 to $100 monthly.

- Reporting and review requirements were extended through June to allow more flexibility to households. OFI has begun mailing and processing annual reviews and six-month reports. If you receive these forms follow the instructions included.
- No interviews were required through June.

MaineCare – Medicaid - medical assistance

- Most child or adult coverage will remain open during the national public health emergency.
- Verbal verification (self-attestation) is allowed for most requirements.
- No premium payments for programs with premiums.

TANF – Temporary Assistance for Needy Families – cash assistance for families

- Extensions beyond the lifetime 60 months limit will be granted through the civil emergency.
- Families that have already used 60 months of TANF can reapply and be granted extensions if otherwise eligible.
- No in-person interviews or program orientation will be required.
- No family will be sanctioned during the civil emergency.

Important reminders

- The General Assistance hotline number 1-800-442-6003.
- It is always possible for a SNAP participant to allow another trusted person to use their EBT card to purchase groceries for their SNAP household. That person just needs the card and pin number.
- Stay in touch with OFI online or by phone and report changes to your situation when they occur.

For more on OFI communications, options for applications and the latest program updates visit: www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi

For more information on the Department of Health and Human Services coronavirus resources visit: www.maine.gov/dhhs/coronavirus-resources.shtml

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