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**TO: DIRECTORS, LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES
DEPUTY/ASSISTANT DIRECTORS FOR FAMILY INVESTMENT,
FAMILY INVESTMENT SUPERVISORS AND ELIGIBILITY STAFF**

FROM: LA SHERRA AYALA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

RE: SUMMER SNAP PROGRAM

**PROGRAM AFFECTED: SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
(SNAP)**

ORIGINATING OFFICE: OFFICE OF PROGRAMS

SUMMARY

The Maryland Summer SNAP Program originated from the 2020 Legislative Session as a solution towards reducing food insecurity during the months that children are out of school. The program is allocated \$200,000 of state funds each year. All local departments of social services (LDSS) are invited to apply to participate.

The Maryland Summer SNAP Program aims to address this gap by providing participating children an additional \$30 in SNAP benefits for June, July, and August, and \$10 in December. Summer SNAP benefits will be available on the EBT card of the head of the household.

PARTICIPATION

At this level of funding, 4,290 children can be served for fiscal year 2021; however, the required local matches will enable additional children to receive the benefit. Six jurisdictions were approved to participate this year after a competitive application process. The following are the jurisdictions that were selected:

- Baltimore City
- Baltimore County
- Howard County
- Montgomery County
- Prince George's County
- Queen Anne's County

Participants of the Summer SNAP Program do not have to do anything to receive the benefits. They will receive the additional amount on the same day as they receive their regular SNAP allotment. Case Managers do not have to take any action for this program.

INQUIRIES

Please direct policy questions to FIA Policy by completing the [FIA Policy Information Request Form](#) found on Knowledge Base as shown in the screenshot below.

The screenshot displays the DHS Knowledge Base interface for the Family Investment Administration. The header includes the DHS logo and navigation links for Administrations, Tools, Resources, Links, and Local Offices. A search bar is present. The left sidebar contains a list of links, with 'Family Investment Administration' and 'Contact us with your FIA Program Eligibility Policy Question' circled in red. The main content area is titled 'Family Investment Administration' and provides a detailed description of the program, its coordination with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and information about the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Two data boxes show the 'FFY 2017 Job Placement Data Statewide Annual Goal Total' as 13,021 and the 'FFY 2017 Job Placement Data Statewide Annual Achieved Total' as 12,240. The right sidebar includes contact information for Labelle Hillgrove, MSOL, Director of Statewide Policy Compliance and Customer Service Performance, and Candice A. Roberts, FIA Executive Assistant.

For systems questions, please email fia.bsdm@maryland.gov.

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