**111.1 Purpose**

Maryland Human Services Article §5–501 requires that if a household includes an individual who is at least 62 years old and receives a federally funded Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefit in an amount less than $40 per month, the State shall provide a supplement to increase the total benefit to $40 per month.

**111.2 Process**

Beginning October 1, 2016, the supplemental benefit automatically posted as cash to the customer’s Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) account. The supplement posts as a SNAP benefit on the regular SNAP benefit issuance date. Customers do not need to complete a new or separate application to apply for the supplemental benefit.

1. At the end of each month, the E&E System identifies households eligible for the Minimum State Supplement (MSS) and determines the total amount of State Supplement benefits each household is eligible to receive for the **next calendar month**.
2. On their SNAP benefit issuance day of each month, the eligible households receive their State Supplement benefits along with their regular SNAP benefit in their SNAP EBT account.

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**111.3 Special Circumstances for Case Processing**

If a household has an outstanding Benefit Error Group (BEG) in recoupment, E&E supplements the difference of the grant amount and $40, not the difference of the benefit amount and $40. For example: if a household has a grant amount of $15 but an outstanding BEG in recoupment that is recouping $10, the household's current benefit amount is $5. The MSS benefit will be issued for $25, bringing the total benefit amount to $30.