* 1. **Purpose**

Beginning in September 2015 and completed in January 2016, DHS expanded the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefit issuance dates from a 10 day period from the 6th through the 15th of the month to a 20 day period from the 4th through the 23rd. This section describes the method for determining the benefit issuance dates.

* 1. **Issuance Schedule**

1. The changes to the issuance schedule were made over several months so that participants did not have to wait more than 5 days past the old issuance date for their next month’s SNAP benefits.
2. The last day benefits are issued is the 23rd of the month to allow people to buy their holiday groceries before the holiday.
3. The issuance schedule is based on the first three letters of the head of household’s last name.

| **SNAP Benefit Issuance Schedule** | | |
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| **Issuance Date** | **First three letters of Last Name are Between:** | |
| 4 | AAA | BAO |
| 5 | BAP | BQZ |
| 6 | BRA | CAQ |
| 7 | CAR | COQ |
| 8 | COR | DIZ |
| 9 | DJA | FIS |
| 10 | FIT | GON |
| 11 | GOO | HAX |
| 12 | HAY | JAB |
| 13 | JAC | KIM |
| 14 | KIN | LOX |
| 15 | LOY | MCO |
| 16 | MCP | NEF |
| 17 | NEG | PGZ |
| 18 | PHA | RIC |
| 19 | RID | SDZ |
| 20 | SEA | STC |
| 21 | STD | TRA |
| 22 | TRB | WES |
| 23 | WET | ZZZ |