

# SNAP Emergency Allotment Will Continue for Maryland Households in October



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Under the direction of Governor Larry Hogan, the Maryland Department of Human Services requested and received federal approval to release Emergency Allotment (EA) benefits to eligible SNAP households this month. SNAP recipients who have already received their October benefits will see the additional EA benefits automatically loaded to their Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card on or before October 12, 2021.

Emergency allotments raise existing SNAP households' monthly benefit amount to the maximum allowable based on household size.

## Maximum SNAP Emergency Allotments (EA) for 48 States and D.C.

Household Size	EA for 48 States & D.C.
1	\$250
2	\$459
3	\$658
4	\$835
5	\$992
6	\$1,190
7	\$1,316
8	\$1,504
Each additional person	\$188

Maryland has issued monthly Emergency Allotments to SNAP recipients since April 2020. This additional SNAP funding was made possible by a **temporary change** in federal law designed to mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**IMPORTANT:** Future Emergency Allotment benefits will be determined at the federal level by the USDA on a month-to-month basis. **Emergency Allotment benefits are not intended to be permanent.** If the federal government discontinues EA benefits, SNAP recipients will continue to receive their standard SNAP benefits - this would mean a reduction in the amount of SNAP assistance received each month. Standard SNAP benefits are calculated based on household size, income & expenses, and assets.

**QUESTIONS?** SNAP participants with questions related to their benefits may call the Department of Human Services' Customer Service Center at **1-800-332-6347**. To apply for SNAP benefits and other financial assistance programs, you may submit an application with your **local Department of Social Services** or apply online at **myDHR**.

