

FAMILY INVESTMENT ADMINISTRATION

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Originating Office:	Office of Programs
Required Actions:	Implement policy changes to the Minimum State Supplement (MSS).
Key Words:	Minimum State Supplement, SNAP, elderly, allotment
Related Federal Law	Not applicable.
Related State Laws	Human Servs. Article § 5-501, Ann. Code of Md.
COMAR	Not applicable.
State Plan Implications?	No

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INFORMATION MEMO**

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

FROM: AUGUSTIN NTABAGANYIMANA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR 

RE: MINIMUM STATE SUPPLEMENT (MSS)

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

ORIGINATING OFFICE: OFFICE OF PROGRAMS

Summary

The purpose of this Information Memo is to convey an update to the Minimum State Supplement (MSS) policy according to the 2024 Senate Bill 35 which lowers the minimum age of eligibility and increases the minimum SNAP allotment.

Policy

Effective October 1, 2024, Maryland Human Services Article § 5-501 requires that if a household includes an individual who is at least **60 years old** and receives a federally funded Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefit in an amount less than \$50 per month, the State shall provide a supplement to increase the total benefit to **\$50 per month**. The actual amount of the State supplement will be the difference between the household's federal SNAP allotment and \$50.

Example

The monthly federal SNAP allotment for a household is \$23. Because

the household contains an individual who is at least 60 years old, they are eligible for the MSS. The amount of the MSS for this household is the difference between the federal allotment and \$50. \$50 less \$23 federal allotment equals \$27 in MSS. The supplement will be calculated by the E&E system automatically. A case manager does not have to take any action for this calculation

Eligibility & Enrollment (E&E) System Procedures

At the end of each month, E&E identifies households eligible for the MSS and determines the total amount of State Supplement benefits each household will receive for the **next calendar month**.

Benefit Issuance

MSS benefits are loaded to the customer's EBT account as a second issuance of SNAP on the same issuance day. The MSS monies are available for customers to spend as they would normally spend SNAP benefits.

Attachments

[SNAP Policy Manual Section 111 Revised September 2024](#)

Inquiries

Please direct policy questions to FIA Policy by completing the [FIA Policy Information Request Form](#). Montgomery County staff may submit their policy questions via email at fia.policy@maryland.gov. For questions related to E&E, please email fia.bsdm@maryland.gov.

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