



# MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

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1-800-332-6347  
Website info: mymdthink.maryland.gov  
TTY: 1-800-735-2258 or 7-1-1

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This is an Approval Notice/Esta es una notificación de aprobación

Dear <insert Parent/Guardian name>,

We are happy to inform you that at least one child in your household has been **approved to receive benefits** under the new Maryland SUN Bucks program. This program provides families \$40 for June, July, and August (a total of \$120) for each eligible child to help buy groceries when school is out during the summer. Visit [dhs.maryland.gov/sunbucks/](https://dhs.maryland.gov/sunbucks/) or call 1-800-332-6347 and select the Maryland SUN Bucks option to learn more about the program.

### Eligible Child(ren)

- <Child 1 First and Last Name>
- <Child 2 First and Last Name>
- <Child 3 First and Last Name>
- <Child 4 First and Last Name>

Your child(ren) was/were automatically enrolled in Maryland SUN Bucks because they:

- Have received Free and Reduced-Price School Meals during the school year 2023-2024;
- Are school-aged and a member of a household that receives Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (SNAP), Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA), or Medicaid (MA) benefits; or
- Are in foster care.

The automatic enrollment means that you do not have to apply to receive Maryland SUN Bucks benefits. If you moved recently, please call 1-800-332-6347 and select the Maryland SUN Bucks option or visit your local Department of Social Services to update your address. If we do not have your current address, you will not receive important letters about Maryland SUN Bucks and other programs.

## **Important Notes:**

Maryland SUN Bucks benefits expire 122 days after their issuance date. Once they have expired, you will not be able to use them and they can not be reissued. If you receive Maryland SUN Bucks in addition to regular active SNAP benefits on an existing EBT card, Maryland SUN Bucks will automatically be used before your SNAP benefits since they expire first.

A household may not receive more than \$120 Maryland SUN Bucks per eligible child in 2024 or receive the benefit from more than one State. There are no circumstances whereby a household can use two separate benefits issued to the same child(ren). If you knowingly use duplicate benefits, you could be responsible for repaying the benefits, you or your children may lose benefits, and you may be prosecuted under applicable State and federal laws. If you believe your child may have received duplicate benefits, please call 1-800-332-6347 and select the option for Maryland SUN Bucks and destroy any duplicate SUN Bucks cards that you received. Only use benefits from the State where the child completed the 2023-2024 school year.

If you do not want to receive Maryland SUN Bucks benefits, you may opt out of the program by calling 1-800-332-6347 and selecting the Maryland SUN Bucks option.

## **Will receiving Maryland SUN Bucks affect my family's immigration status?**

NO. Receiving Maryland SUN Bucks will not affect your family's immigration status.

## **How will I receive my child's Maryland SUN Bucks?**

If your household currently receives SNAP or TCA benefits, your Maryland SUN Bucks will be loaded on the existing EBT card (also known as Independence Card). If your household does not receive SNAP or TCA benefits, a new "Maryland SUN Bucks" card in your child's name will be mailed to you.

## **Protect Your Benefits!**

If you receive SNAP or other benefits and have an Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card, your benefits may be accessed by unauthorized individuals.

## **Lock Your EBT or SUN Bucks Card:**

Keep your benefits protected from thieves by using the EBT Card Lock/Unlock feature. To use Card Lock, download the ConnectEBT app on your mobile device or login to your account at <https://www.connectebt.com/mdebtclient/>. To learn more about ways in which you may safely use your EBT card, scan the QR code below using your mobile device camera or go to our website, [www.dhs.maryland.gov/prevent-ebt-theft/](http://www.dhs.maryland.gov/prevent-ebt-theft/)



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