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Summary

Updated [EAZ Chapter: Emergency Food Supplements](#), updated Clarifying Information.

See below for new text:



Emergency Food Supplements

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Purpose:

This section lists emergency rules related to food assistance programs in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

[WAC 388-437-0005](#) - Changes to food assistance in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- [Clarifying Information](#) and [Worker Responsibilities](#)

Clarifying Information - WAC 388-437-0005

NOTE: Emergency Supplements were issued for the months of March, April, and May. Ongoing supplements are subject to federal approval.

Supplemental Issuance

- Households on food assistance are eligible for a supplemental benefit issuance to increase their benefits to the maximum allotment for their household size starting with the month of March and will continue on a month to month basis.
 - Supplements may continue if the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) approves and the federal public health proclamation or state disaster declaration continues.
- Households already receiving the maximum allotment will not receive this supplement.
- Households that qualify for a supplement include:
 - Households on TFA, WASHCAP, SNAP and FAP.
 - Approved applications regardless of their application date (i.e. prorated benefits).
 - Households approved for assistance but receiving a \$0 allotment.
- Staff will continue to determine the correct regular eligibility amount for the household.
 - Historic overpayments/underpayments will need to be reviewed to see if the household received the maximum allotment for the month.
 - Households cannot receive more benefits than the maximum allotment for their household size.
 - ~~If a change results in an overpayment/underpayment, ignore the BEG unless it resulted from Adding a Person. See Worker Responsibilities.~~
- ~~These supplements are not subject to overpayment,~~ unless the household is found ineligible for Basic Food.