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Update Regarding COVID-19 & SNAP

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Delayed September SNAP Emergency Allotments Upstate

There has been a delay in the issuance of the September Emergency Allotments (EA) of SNAP benefits for about 75,000 households in upstate counties.

- The missed EA SNAP benefits for September will be issued on 10/5 and 10/6.
- These SNAP EA benefits will be available to eligible families the day after they are issued.

For more information on September EA of SNAP benefits see our [COVID 19 page](#).

Treatment of the New Supplement Lost Wages Payments for SNAP

Supplemental Lost Wages (SLW) payments are being issued by the NYS Department of Labor and provide an additional \$300 in federally funded dollars each week to the Unemployment Insurance Benefit (UBI) of eligible workers.

- SLW payments must NOT be counted as income or as a resource in determining eligibility or calculating a benefit amount for SNAP.
- If a SNAP recipient receives the SLW retroactively, the retroactive benefits are also not counted as income.

[See our COVID-19 page](#) for more including a link to the policy memo from OTDA.

Statewide Waiver of the Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents Time Limits

Beginning October 1, 2020, SNAP offices throughout NYS are not to impose the ABAWD three-month time limit rule.

In August 2020, OTDA provided SNAP offices with an update on the suspension of the ABAWD rule in NYS. Due to NYS' eligibility for extended unemployment benefits, FNS has approved OTDA's request to waive the ABAWD time limit rule in all areas of the state from October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2021, or until the date when FNS puts the new rule on ABAWD waiver standards into effect, whichever occurs first.

See our [COVID-19 page](#) for more on the status of all current ABAWD time limit rule waivers in NYS, and information for CBO's working with SNAP applicants and recipients who fall under ABAWD time limit rules.

Read full updates on our COVID-19 Webpage

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