



Latest Updates Regarding COVID-19 & SNAP

July Recertifications for SNAP Recipients in NYC and Upstate

During the COVID-19 pandemic OTDA has received statewide waivers from USDA to extend SNAP certification periods for six-months for the months of March, April, May, and June of 2020. Recently, USDA denied NY's statewide waiver request for a six-month extension of July certification periods. Instead, USDA approved a six-month extension of the certification period for NYC SNAP recipients whose SNAP cases will expire at the end of July 2020.

New York City Extends SNAP Benefits in July

SNAP offices in NYC will extend SNAP benefits for six-months for those households who had recertification periods ending in July 2020. This extension is due to the COVID-19 pandemic and is being done to ensure that families do not lose their SNAP benefits because they were unable to recertify on time or whose recertification was not processed in a timely manner by the SNAP office.

Important details include:

- NYC SNAP recipients who were to recertify for SNAP or TA/MA and SNAP in July will be given a six-month extension of SNAP benefits.
- NYC SNAP participants who recertified for July and had their recertification processed by the SNAP office will not be eligible for the six-month extension.
- The six-month extension for the July recertifications will allow NYC SNAP offices until January 31, 2021 to recertify any case that was originally scheduled to be recertified by July 31, 2020.

- SNAP recipients will *NOT be sent a notice* on this extension of benefits or the new deadlines for recertification.
- There will be no further extensions of SNAP certification periods in NYC.

July Recertifications Will Resume in All Upstate Counties

- Upstate SNAP offices must recertify all SNAP cases that have a certification period ending in July 2020.
- Upstate SNAP recipients who are to recertify for SNAP or TA/MA and SNAP in July must recertify according to normal recertification requirements in order to continue to receive SNAP benefits.

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