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July 2021 SNAP Update

Below is a round-up of recent SNAP updates and policy changes.

COVID-19 Emergency Allotments Coming to All SNAP Households in July

July Emergency Allotments (EA) are approved for all SNAP households in New York State. The distribution of these supplemental benefits began on July 12 and will continue throughout the month.

For more information about the EA issuance schedule and benefit amount, please see the July 13 update to the SNAP section of our [COVID-19 page](#).

SNAP Interview Waivers Extended through July

Through **July 31, 2021**, SNAP offices are ***not required*** to interview a new or recertifying household if the applicant's identity has been verified and other mandatory information has been provided and validated. Interview waivers also apply to new SNAP applications that are eligible for expedited processing.

SNAP Case Certification Extensions End & Reporting Requirements Resume

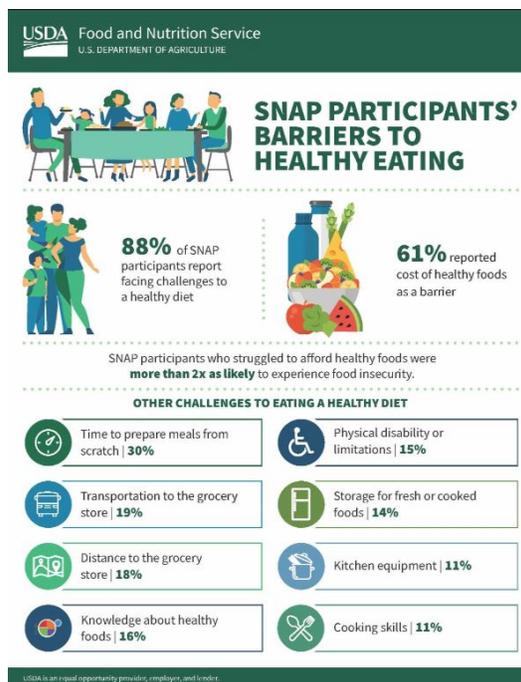
SNAP offices can ***no longer extend certification periods*** for SNAP recipients. SNAP recipients must recertify according to normal recertification requirements. Additionally, standard reporting requirements, including submitting periodic reports, resumes for all SNAP households beginning on **July 1, 2021**.

For more information about SNAP reporting requirements, see pages 66-68 of our [SNAP Prescreening Guide](#).

For more detailed information about these updates to the interview waiver, the certification period, and reporting requirements, see the July 2 update to the SNAP section of our [COVID-19 page](#).

USDA Study: Hurdles to Healthy Eating on SNAP

Nearly 90 percent of SNAP participants struggle to put healthy food on the table, with almost two-thirds reporting the cost of healthy food as a barrier, according to a recent [USDA study](#). These findings are released as the USDA re-evaluates the Thrifty Food Plan (TTP), which is used to set SNAP benefit amounts. The value of the TTP has remained the same since it was first introduced in 1975, adjusting only for inflation. Revisions to the TTP could help ensure that SNAP provides families a healthy diet on a budget, especially as a temporary 15% benefit increase is set to expire this fall. Read the [full report](#).



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