



# HOW TO GET YOUR CASH GRANT AND FOOD STAMPS



## PICK UP DATES

Use this chart to find your Pick-Up Dates for the first and second half of your monthly Cash Grant and for your monthly Food Stamps. You must get your benefits between the dates shown below or they will **EXPIRE**.

Last Number of Your Case Number	CASH GRANT PICK-UP DATES		FOOD STAMP PICK-UP Dates
	First Half	Second Half	
0,1	1st - 15th	16th - Last day of month	1st - last day of month
2	2nd - 16th	17th - 1st of next month	2nd - last day of month
3	3rd - 17th	18th - 2nd of next month	3rd - last day of month
4	4th - 18th	19th - 3rd of next month	4th - last day of month
5	5th - 19th	20th - 4th of next month	5th - last day of month
6	6th - 20th	21st - 5th of next month	6th - last day of month
7	7th - 21st	22nd - 6th of next month	7th - last day of month
8	8th - 22nd	23rd - 7th of next month	8th - last day of month
9	9th - 23rd	24th - 8th of next month	9th - last day of month

For example, if your case number was PA345678, you would go any day from the **8th** to the **22nd** to get your first half Cash Grant. **All of your monthly Food Stamps would also be given to you at that time.** Then you would go any day from the **23rd** to the **7th** of the next month to get your second half Cash Grant.

## REMEMBER!

Your monthly Cash Grant and Food Stamp pick-up dates are based on the last number of your case number. Pick-up Dates are shown on the chart.

### PA CASH GRANTS

- ◆ Your Cash Grant will be split into two benefits per month.
- ◆ You have about 15 days to pick-up each benefit.
- ◆ You must pick up each half of your Cash Grant before the next one becomes available.

### FOOD STAMPS

- ◆ You can get your monthly Food Stamps from your first pick-up day until the last day of the month.

- ◆ You can get your Cash Grant and Food Stamps at any authorized issuance site.
- ◆ You don't have to shop or spend any money at the place where you get your benefits.
- ◆ If you choose to go to a check casher, you may be charged a 55¢ fee to get your Cash.

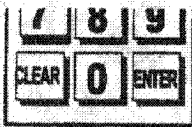
**IF YOU LOSE YOUR BENEFIT ID CARD OR FORGET YOUR PERSONAL CODE (PIN), IMMEDIATELY CONTACT YOUR LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES OFFICE!**



# HOW TO USE YOUR BENEFIT CARD TO GET YOUR CASH GRANT AND FOOD STAMPS

- 1 Give your Benefit Card to the clerk.
- 2 Enter your 4-character personal code on the key pad.

If you make a mistake, press the Clear key and start over.



- 3 After your personal code is correctly entered, press the Enter key.



- 4 The clerk will hand you:
  - ◆ Your Benefit Card
  - ◆ Your Receipt
  - ◆ Your Benefits: Cash Grant and/or Food Stamps

**BEFORE YOU LEAVE THE WINDOW**  
**Read the receipt!**  
**COUNT YOUR CASH.**  
**COUNT YOUR COUPONS.**

## THIS IS A SAMPLE RECEIPT

**Read Your Receipt!** It has two parts:

1. The top half is for Cash Grants.
2. The bottom half is for Food Stamps.

## READ BOTH PARTS CAREFULLY

You can be denied on one half and still have benefits on the other half.

These are your Cash benefits.

Total amount of your Cash benefits.  
**COUNT YOUR MONEY.**

This is your Food Stamp benefit.  
**COUNT YOUR COUPONS.**

*In this example, you would get \$165.63 in cash and also \$60.00 in Food Stamp Coupons.*

- ◆ Save your receipt to show to your worker if you have questions or problems.
- ◆ If your receipt says you have more benefits available, give your card back to the clerk and begin again.
- ◆ Keep your Benefit ID Card and Personal Code to get your benefits each month.

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<b>SUPERMARKET</b>	
101 Somewhere Street	
Allover, NY 12345	
555-5555	
Merchant :	9999999999 001
Date :	03/01/96 10:31.58
Seq No. :	041001 004
Card No. :	600486 200000099999
Auth No. :	001004
<b>CASH BENEFITS</b>	
<b>** APPROVED **</b>	
PAS No. :	99000000999 Grant \$ 115.63
PAS No. :	99000000990 Fuel \$ 50.00
<b>TOTAL CASH</b>	<b>\$ 165.63</b>
<b>FOOD STAMP BENEFITS</b>	
<b>** APPROVED **</b>	
FSB No. :	9000000999 \$ 60
<b>TOTAL COUPONS</b>	<b>\$ 60</b>
<b>BOOK DISTRIBUTION</b>	
Type:	\$2 \$7 \$10 \$40 \$50 \$65
Qty:	0 0 1 0 1 0
Report Changes Promptly to Receive Correct Benefits	

## QUESTIONS?

Contact your local Department of Social Services Office or call 1-800-342-3009