



# Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance

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## General Information System (GIS) Message

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### Section 1

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<b>To:</b>	Subscribers
<b>Suggested Distribution:</b>	Commissioners, SNAP Directors, TA Directors, WMS Coordinators, Medicaid Directors
<b>From:</b>	Valerie Figueroa, Deputy Commissioner, Employment and Income Support Programs
<b>Subject:</b>	COVID-19 February Emergency Allotments to SNAP Households – Final Issuance
<b>Effective Date:</b>	Immediately
<b>Contact Information:</b>	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Questions – SNAP Bureau 518-473-1469 or <a href="mailto:otda.sm.cees.snap@otda.ny.gov">otda.sm.cees.snap@otda.ny.gov</a>
<b>Attachments:</b>	<a href="#">Attachment 1 – Updated FAQs for the End of Emergency Allotment of SNAP Benefits</a>

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### Section 2

The purpose of this GIS is to advise social services districts (districts) that Emergency Allotments (EA) will be issued to all Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipient households that receive benefits for the month of February 2023. As noted in [23 TA/DC011](#), February 2023 is the final month supplemental EA SNAP benefits will be issued to SNAP households. In accordance with the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, states will no longer have the authority to issue monthly supplemental EA benefits to SNAP households, beginning March 2023. The emergency allotments were authorized by the Families First Coronavirus Response Act of 2020 and are being issued in accordance with the terms of the United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service (USDA-FNS), memorandums of March 20, 2020, and April 1, 2021.

From March 2020 through March 2021, the EA supplemental SNAP benefits were issued only to SNAP households that did not receive the maximum benefit for their household's size. In April 2021, **all households**, including those already receiving the maximum benefit for their household's size, and households that formerly would have received a monthly supplement of less than \$95, **began receiving a supplement of at least \$95**. For households receiving supplements greater than \$95, this policy change does not affect the supplement they receive. For households receiving supplements greater than \$95, the supplement is the difference between the amount of SNAP benefits the household received for the month and the current maximum benefit amount for the household's size. This change in policy was not retroactive and only applied to the months beginning April 2021.

Below is a chart of the maximum monthly benefits by household size.

**Please Note: The maximum allotments listed below reflect the updated SNAP standards, effective October 1, 2022.**

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	MAXIMUM ALLOTMENT
1	\$281
2	\$516
3	\$740
4	\$939
5	\$1,116
6	\$1,339
7	\$1,480
8	\$1,691
For each additional member	+\$211

**The EA supplements will be issued automatically by OTDA.** An exception report listing cases that were unable to be automatically issued EA supplements will be generated for district action. The initial supplemental issuance will be provided to currently active and closed SNAP cases that received benefits for the month of February 2023. Subsequent “clean-up” issuances will be run to issue benefits to newly approved SNAP cases that received benefits for the month of February 2023. Although February 2023 is the last month for which SNAP households are eligible to receive the EA supplemental SNAP benefit, clean-up issuances for February may continue beyond February and districts may continue to process cases on their exception lists.

**Please Note: Only EA supplements will be automatically issued by OTDA. Districts must continue to process cases and issue regular SNAP benefits as usual.**

The mass issuance of EA supplements for February 2023 will be issued on staggered schedules as described below.

### **New York City**

The EA supplements will be issued from February 10 through 27, 2023. The supplemental benefits will be available the next day following issuance. The supplements will be issued using Payment Type Codes 20 and 22, and a unique authorization number.

- The supplements will be issued using single issuance code **20** Daily Retroactive Benefit (PA) for PA/SNAP cases.
- The supplements will be issued using single issuance code **22** Daily Retroactive Benefit (NPA) for SNAP-only cases.
- The unique authorization number for these payments is 20200113.

### **Rest of State**

Supplements will be authorized on a staggered schedule to all districts outside of NYC as follows:

- February 6 – February 9, 2023
- February 13 – February 16, 2023
- February 21 – February 23, 2023

Eligible cases will be in pending status from February 7 – 10, February 14 – 17 and February 22 – 24, 2023. Due to the volume of cases receiving supplements this month, additional issuance days, beyond those noted above, may be necessary. The mass-authorized supplemental SNAP benefits will be available to recipients in EBT after midnight on the day after authorization.

For Upstate WMS, the supplements will be issued using Payment Type Code 97 with a J in the Claim Code field. An Upstate Systems GIS will provide further details.