



# Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance

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## General Information System (GIS) Message

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### Section 1

<b>Transmittal:</b>	23 TA/DC041 Upstate and New York City
<b>Date:</b>	May 19, 2023
<b>To:</b>	Subscribers
<b>Suggested Distribution:</b>	Commissioners, SNAP Directors, TA Directors, Employment Coordinators
<b>From:</b>	Valerie Figueroa, Deputy Commissioner, Employment and Income Support Programs
<b>Subject:</b>	US Department of Education Outreach to Students regarding the Expiration of SNAP Temporary Student Eligibility Exemption Criteria
<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>

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### Section 2

The purpose of this General Information Systems (GIS) message is to provide social services districts (districts) with information on additional outreach being conducted by the US Department of Education (DOE) to students with an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of \$0 on their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

As initially outlined in [21TA/DC023](#), students with an EFC of \$0 qualified for a temporary SNAP eligibility exemption. Subsequently, [23TA/DC033](#) announced the end of this temporary eligibility exemption and provided deadlines by which students must apply or recertify to use this temporary exemption.

To further educate potentially eligible students, DOE sent an email on May 17, 2023 to all students with an EFC of \$0, informing them of their potential eligibility for SNAP, the timeline of the expiration of the temporary exemptions, and how to apply.

Districts may accept this email as verification that a student has an EFC of \$0 if they submit a new SNAP application on or before June 9, 2023 or submit a recertification on or before June 30, 2023.

The US Department of Agriculture has provided more information for students on their website: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/students>. The OTDA website also provides updated student eligibility information at <https://otda.ny.gov/SNAP-COVID-19/College-Student-Expanded-SNAP-Rules.asp>.