New Jersey Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

NJ SNAP

What is NJ SNAP?
NJ SNAP is the nutrition assistance program to help low-income individuals and families buy the groceries needed to eat healthy.

Sometimes people feel they shouldn’t need help putting food on the table, but sometimes making ends meet is a struggle. If you are not sure how or if you can pay for your next meal or next week’s groceries, NJ SNAP can help.

Who is Eligible?
- Low-income working families and individuals.
- Individuals that just lost their unemployment benefits.
- Unemployed or part-time workers.
- Seniors and people with disabilities who meet the income standards.

How Can I Apply?
Go to NJHelps.org to pre-screen or to apply online. This is a quick and easy way to find out if you might be able to get help. With the online application, you will spend less time in the office for your interview. NJ SNAP benefits are issued through the easy-to-use “Families First” electronic benefits card.

*If you are unable to get to the county Board of Social Services due to illness or disability, you may send an authorized representative or request a telephone interview.

Did You Know?
- You might be eligible for NJ SNAP even if you own your home or have money in the bank.
- To be eligible for NJ SNAP, a single person can have a gross monthly income of $1,860. Two people can have a gross monthly income of $2,504. (Figures as of October 2017)
- If you are eligible for NJ SNAP, you may also qualify for heating assistance through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).
For more NJ SNAP information
visit www.njsnap.org

Call 1-800-687-9512 or
your County Board of Social Services:

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Bergen   201-368-4200  Monmouth  732-431-6000
Burlington  609-261-1000  Morris  973-326-7800
Camden   856-225-8800  Ocean  732-349-1500
Cape May  609-886-6200  Passaic  973-881-0100
Cumberland  856-691-4600  Salem  856-299-7200
Essex    973-733-3000  Somerset  908-526-8800
Gloucester  856-582-9200  Sussex  973-383-3600
Hudson   201-420-3000  Union  908-965-2700
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Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP – “Food Stamps”)

SNAP, previously known as the Food Stamp Program, is intended to assist eligible families or individuals with meeting their nutritional needs by supplementing their available income. Funds are issued monthly on an Electronic Benefit Transfer card (EBT) to be used at any supermarket and most smaller grocery stores. Applicants can have anywhere from zero income to 185% of the Federal Poverty level and still qualify for a benefit.

Applications can be taken online at https://oneapp.dhs.state.nj.us/, at our office, at an outreach site or interested parties can call our customer service line at (201) 368-4200 and request a paper application to return to our agency.

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)/General Assistance (GA)

The TANF/GA program is designed to assist very low income families with minor children or single adults/childless couples get back on the path of self-sufficiency. Eligible families, individuals and couples will receive a monthly cash grant, issued on an Electronic Benefit Card. Those who qualify will be eligible to apply for Temporary Rental Assistance and for Child Care assistance, if applicable.

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Medicaid Programs

The BCBSS administers several Medicaid programs for Bergen County residents. NJ Familycare Medicaid for families. Affordable Care Act (ACA) Medicaid for adults without minor children. Aged, Blind and Disabled (ABD) Medicaid for long term disabled or 65 years of age or older couples or individuals. Nursing Home Medicaid is available to those whom are institutionalized.

Applications for NJ Familycare, ACA Medicaid and ABD Medicaid can be completed online at http://www.njfamilycare.org. Nursing Home Medicaid benefits require a paper application. Paper applications for all Medicaid programs can be received at our office or by calling our Customer Service line at (201) 368-4200.

Additional information about these programs can be found at our website, www.bcbss.com, by calling our customer service line at (201) 368-4200 or coming to our agency.

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