

Nevada Division of Welfare and Supportive Service COVID-19 Update

July 30, 2020

SNAP

- Caseload increase
- Service delivery timeframe improved from 7.2 days to 3.9 days.
 - Due to relaxed policy; No interview for application and recertification
 - Initial waiver March through May 2020
 - First extension of waiver received May 15th for June 2020
 - Second extension of waiver received notification on July 21st from FNS, for July and August.
 - Increase in Expedited caseload, approve and pend for verifications
 - Certifications ending in March, April and May were automatically extended 6 months
- Delivery timeframes may increase after August when \$600 UIB supplement ends and increase in applications as the additional monies had removed 40k people off of SNAP

P(andemic)-SNAP

On June 13th FNS approved max benefit issuance for May 2020. Supplements were made available June 16th. Note: March & April also had supplements

DWSS will be requesting max benefit issuance for June in July.

FNS approval needed as dollars come from their budget

Note: one person max \$194

P(andemic)-EBT

Requested authority of emergency funds awarded as part of the CARES Act in the amount of \$848,624 to support the expenses of implementing a program known as Pandemic EBT which was authorized under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA)

Pandemic EBT or P-EBT, allows Nevada to utilize the SNAP program to release SNAP benefits to children who were enrolled in free and reduced lunch, but were unable to access those meals during the timeframe schools were closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Our estimates show that over 330,000 Nevada Children could benefit from the P-EBT program, with an estimated total benefit of almost \$99 million dollars in

additional SNAP benefits being released to Nevada's families. This is a one time shot per Feds

ABAWD

Received notification July 15th. Waiver approved for July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. ABAWD rules don't apply during this period. We will be requesting a waiver beyond June 30, 2021.