

How are my benefits being calculated during COVID-19?

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, benefit levels with the Department of Social Services are temporarily higher than usual. Below is more information on how your benefit should be calculated right now. This information is current as of April 12, 2021.

TDAP (Temporary Disability Assistance Program)

- From February 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021, the benefit will be \$343 per month
- If your health provider cannot complete a medical form, you may still be able to receive TDAP as long as you have a disability, you self certify you have a disability, and you meet other eligibility requirements.
- TDAP cases should not close except in very rare instances (death, moving out of state, approval for TCA, and receiving a final decision from Social Security Admin).

TCA (Temporary Cash Assistance)

- If you receive TCA and child support, you can also keep up to \$100 (one order) or up to \$200 (two or more orders).
- Automatic 6-month extensions given on all redeterminations through June 2021
- From January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021, each eligible family member will receive an extra \$100 per month on top of the regular benefit amount. Below are the regular benefit amounts without the extra boost.

Household size	Benefit amount
1	\$328
2	\$575
3	\$727
4	\$870
5	\$1,010
6	\$1,110
7	\$1,247

SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)

- All eligible households should receive the maximum SNAP benefit
- The Department of Social Services will resume redeterminations in April 2021 for some households.
- You can complete a redet online at mydhrbenefits.dhr.state.md.us or at a drop box outside of DSS.

Household size	Benefit amount
1	\$234
2	\$430
3	\$616
4	\$782
5	\$929
6	\$1,114
7	\$1,232
8	\$1,408
Each add'l person	\$176

For free legal information, please call the Homeless Persons Representation Project if your application for benefits was denied, your benefits were terminated, or you do not think you are receiving the correct amount.

SNAP Free Legal Help Hotline
1-800-613-2518
(M-Th 9-12 and 1-4)

HPRP Main Line 410-364-4198 or
410-685-6589