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## Interim Policy and Procedure

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**ISD-IPP**      **21 - 04**  
**TO:**            **ISD Employees**  
**FROM:**        **Karmela Martinez, Director, Income Support Division**   
**RE:**            **SNAP – Temporary Increase in Maximum Allotments due to COVID-19**  
**DATE:**        **March 18, 2021**  
  
**Amended March 22, 2021**

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The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, signed on Dec. 27, 2020, increases the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits by raising maximum allotments to 115% of the June 2020 value of the Thrifty Food Plan (TFP) from January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021. The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 signed on March 11, 2021, extends the increase of the maximum SNAP allotments from July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021.

**A system mass update will occur March 20-March 22, 2021 with all benefits available on March 23, 2021** where all eligible households will receive the maximum monthly benefit amount retroactively for the months of January, February, and March of 2021 to bring them current for the maximum allotment. Ongoing, all eligible households will receive the increased amount with their regular issuance. Customers will receive text messages informing them of their new monthly SNAP amount as well as the amount that they received for January, February, and March, if they were eligible for retroactive benefits.

Below are FY 2021 maximum allotments for each household size for January 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021.

Household size	SNAP allotment with 15 percent increase Valid January 1 – September 30, 2021
1	\$234
2	\$430
3	\$616
4	\$782
5	\$929
6	\$1,114
7	\$1,232

8	\$1,408
Each additional person	+\$176