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New Mexico announces nine-month increase in food benefits *SNAP program recipients receive a 15 percent boost*

SANTA FE – New Mexicans enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) will receive a 15 percent increase to their monthly food benefits for January through September 2021, announced the New Mexico Human Services Department. In addition, all eligible households will receive the maximum monthly benefit amount retroactively by March 23, 2021 for the months of January, February, and March of 2021 to bring them current for the maximum allotment.

“The pandemic has caused immeasurable economic hardships for so many New Mexico families,” said Deputy Secretary Angela Medrano. “This additional assistance will help put food on the table and bring some measure of relief to many New Mexico families as we continue to navigate these unrepresented times.”

The amount of SNAP benefits a household receives each month depends on the number of people in the household and the amount of their net income. The new maximum benefit levels are noted below:

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

All New Mexico families who think they may be eligible for assistance are encouraged to apply by visiting: www.yes.state.nm.us.

The Human Services Department provides services and benefits to more than 1 million New Mexicans through several programs including: the Medicaid Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Child Support Program, and several Behavioral Health Services.

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