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## **Extension of emergency SNAP benefits will continue in February 2022**

SANTA FE – New Mexico households receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) food benefits will continue to receive the maximum amount for their household size for the month of February, announced the New Mexico Human Services Department.

SNAP recipients with a regular issuance date of February 1-13, will receive a supplement on Feb. 13, 2022. SNAP recipients with a regular issuance date of February 14-20, will receive their benefits and the supplement on their regular issuance date.

“The extra SNAP funds have been a much-needed boost for New Mexicans facing food insecurity,” said Angela Medrano, HSD Deputy Secretary. “Many low-income families have been struggling with unemployment or income reduction due to the economic impacts of the pandemic. These benefits will continue to help these families put nutritious food on the table.”

The emergency assistance will increase a household’s monthly benefit up to the maximum food benefit amount for their household size (see table below). SNAP recipients do not have to take any action to receive these additional food benefits as they will be placed directly on their EBT cards.

“Receiving benefits and extra SNAP has helped my child and I out a lot by ensuring me that we will not go hungry during this pandemic,” said SNAP customer Rebecca Simpson.

For the past 23 months, SNAP households that were not already receiving the maximum SNAP food benefit for their household size have received an increase bringing their food benefits to the maximum amount each month. These increases were made to help reduce food insecurity for New Mexicans during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Individuals seeking to apply for SNAP benefits may apply online through [www.yes.state.nm.us](http://www.yes.state.nm.us) or by phone at 1-800-283-4465. Newly approved SNAP recipients will be eligible for the supplemental benefit.

Below is a table that reflects the maximum monthly allotment per household size.

<b>Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – SNAP</b> <b>Oct. 1, 2021 – Sept. 30, 2022</b>	
<b>Household Size</b>	<b>Maximum SNAP Monthly Allotment</b>
1	\$250
2	\$459
3	\$658
4	\$835
5	\$992
6	\$1,190
7	\$1,316
8	\$1,504
+ Each Additional Person	+\$188

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The Human Services Department provides services and benefits to 1,051,755 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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