



Harford County Family Investment

Services We Offer



Food Assistance



Cash Assistance



Medical Assistance



Emergency
Assistance

SNAP



- ▶ The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) helps low income people buy the food they need for good health. You may be able to get SNAP benefits if you:
 - ▶ work for low wages,
 - ▶ are unemployed or work part time,
 - ▶ receive Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA) or other public assistance payments,
 - ▶ are elderly or disabled and live on a small income, or
 - ▶ are homeless.

SNAP

Maximum Allotment

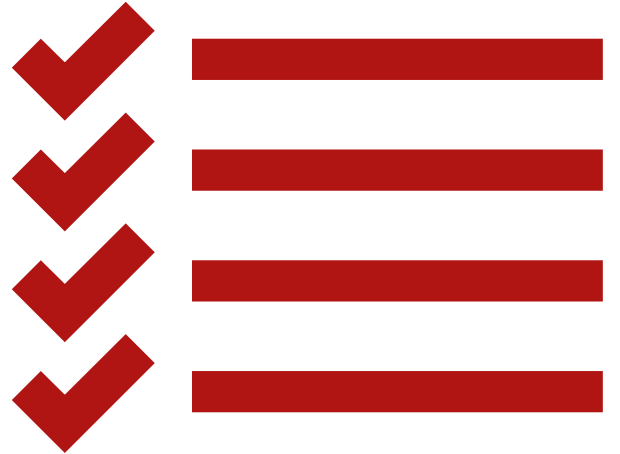
Household Size	SNAP Benefit
1	\$250
2	\$459
3	\$658
4	\$835
5	\$992
6	\$1190
7	\$1316

What you can purchase

- ▶ Breads and cereals
- ▶ Bottled water
- ▶ Fruits and vegetables
- ▶ Meats, fish and poultry
- ▶ Dairy products
- ▶ Seeds and plants which produce food for the household to eat
- ▶ Infant formula, cereals, juices
- ▶ Baby food in boxes and jars

Emergency Assistance

- ▶ Emergency Assistance to Families with Children (EAFDC) provides emergency cash assistance to families who need emergency help paying rent or utilities or for other emergencies. These funds are available through the local department once every two years when funds are available.
 - ▶ Families must have one or more children under 21 living with them.
 - ▶ Families must present proof that they have an emergency that was not caused by a family member quitting a job.
 - ▶ Families must present an eviction notice from utility company that services have been/will be cut off or other proof of an emergency.



LIHWAP

- One time grant of \$100-\$2000
- Bill does not have to be in customer's name, they just have to show that they are responsible for paying the bill
- Has to be in arrears and our grant has to make them current

Household Size (# of people per household)	Household Income (per month)
1	\$3,121 / mo
2	\$4,081 / mo
3	\$5,041 / mo
4	\$6,000 / mo
5	\$6,962 / mo
6	\$7,922 / mo
7	\$8,102 / mo
8	\$8,283 / mo
For each additional household member add:	\$180 / mo

Medical Assistance

- ▶ **Medicaid**, also called **Medical Assistance (MA)** pays the medical bills of needy and low-income individuals. It is administered by the State and pays medical bills with Federal and State funds
- ▶ **Medicare Buy-In Program**
Medicare Buy-In Program also known as QMB (Qualified Medicare Beneficiary) and SLMB (Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary) is designed to protect low-income Medicare beneficiaries from the costs of Medicare coverage, including out-of-pocket cost sharing expenses (deductibles and co-payments).
 - ▶ **QMB (Qualified Medicare Beneficiary)** Program serves individuals with modest assets (up to \$7,280 per individual or \$10,930 per couple) with combined incomes that do not go over 100 percent of the federal poverty level. The State Medicaid program pays their Medicare Part B premiums and cost-sharing amounts.
 - ▶ **SLMB (Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary)** Program pays only the Part B premium for those with incomes between 100 and 120 percent of poverty with assets up to \$4,000 per individual or \$6,000 per couple.

Medical Assistance

- ▶ Long Term Care Medical Assistance (LTC), is designed to cover the cost of nursing home care for low income individuals who meet eligibility requirements, including a look back at resources in the five years prior to application. Applications for LTC may be filed online at <https://mydhrbenefits.dhr.state.md.us/> or mailed to your local health department or local department of social services



Temporary Disability Assistance Program

- ▶ The Temporary Disability Assistance Program (TDAP) is available to help low-income, disabled Marylanders through a period of short-term disability or while they are awaiting approval of federal disability support. The program is funded through the State of Maryland to provide help to individuals without dependent children.
- ▶ **Eligibility:**
 - ▶ The Temporary Disability Assistance Program (TDAP) provides cash benefits to eligible disabled individuals. Eligibility requirements include verifying the disability (a licensed medical practitioner must complete a medical report). TDAP applicants who are disabled for 12 months or more must file an application for Supplemental Security Income (SSI). TDAP recipients may receive benefits for only 12 months out of a 36-month period unless they are pursuing SSI.

- ▶ Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA), Maryland's Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program, provides cash assistance to families with dependent children when available resources do not fully address the family's needs and while preparing program participants for independence through work.
 - ▶ Family must cooperate with child support
 - ▶ Participate in work activities
 - ▶ Comply with substance abuse provisions
 - ▶ Must meet financial and technical eligibility requirements
 - ▶ Earned and unearned income cannot exceed the benefit level paid for the assistance unit size
 - ▶ Sanctions may be imposed for not complying with program requirements. Families may also file an application for assistance with child care costs.

Temporary Cash Assistance

Pathways to Success

- ▶ Pathways to Success is a program to help customers achieve their goals, and work towards self-sufficiency and independence.
 - ▶ Volunteer opportunities
 - ▶ Education Opportunities
 - ▶ Training Opportunities
 - ▶ Assistance with overcoming challenges

Additional Opportunities Offered

PA2E

- ▶ Public Assistance to Entrepreneurship (aka PA2E) is available to SNAP, TCA, Foster Youth, Veterans on Assistance and Non-Custodial Parents. PA2E is a series of classes that enable individuals to create their own business. Through these classes (taught by Harford Community College), our customers learn how to start a business and are put in touch with advisors to help get their business off the ground.

SNAP E&T

- ▶ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training (aka SNAP E&T) is available to SNAP recipients who are interested in advancing their careers. Our current initiative is to assist eligible applicants with enrollment to attend classes through Humanim and become an administrative assistant. Our previous initiative was to enroll candidates through HCC to obtain their certification in a specific field of work such as HVAC, Medical Assistant Certification and Certified Nursing Assistant.