

Alabama Elderly Simplified Application Project (AESAP)

Food Assistance Division

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AUTOMATED HOTLINE NUMBER 1-833-822-2202

- Check the status of your case on the system.
- Hear general information on the Food Assistance Program.

EBT NUMBER 1-800-997-8888

Instructions to call this number and activate your case will come with your card.

- Change your PIN number
- Check your balance
- Card is lost or stolen
- Card won't swipe

Need More Information?

Call: 1-800-221-5689

Visit: www.fns.usda.gov/snap

www.dhr.alabama.gov

<https://mydhr.alabama.gov>

REQUIRED REPORTING

If your TOTAL GROSS* monthly INCOME** exceeds the food assistance net income limit for YOUR household size, you must report this change to the agency by the tenth day of the following month.

*GROSS – income before taxes

UNEARNED INCOME - SSI/SSA, Retirement, Unemployment Benefits Child Support, contributions, and **all other income.

If your household receives lottery and gambling winnings of \$4250 or more you must report this to the agency by the tenth day of the following month.

People in Household	Gross Monthly Income*	Net Monthly Income
1	\$1,473	\$1,133
2	\$1,984	\$1,526
3	\$2,495	\$1,920
4	\$3,007	\$2,313
5	\$3,518	\$2,706
6	\$4,029	\$3,100
7	\$4,541	\$3,493
8	\$5,052	\$3,886
Each additional person	\$512	\$394

***Effective Oct 1, 2022- Sept 30, 2023**

The last 2 digits of your case number will determine the date your benefits will be available on your card.

CASE #	DATE
00 - 04	4 th
05 - 09	5 th
10 - 14	6 th
15 - 19	7 th
20 - 24	8 th
25 - 29	9 th
30 - 34	10 th
35 - 39	11 th
40 - 44	12 th
45 - 49	13 th
50 - 54	14 th
55 - 59	15 th
60 - 64	16 th
65 - 69	17 th
70 - 74	18 th
75 - 79	19 th
80 - 84	20 th
85 - 89	21 st
90 - 94	22 nd
95 - 99	23 rd

YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR AESAP WHEN...

- Everyone in the Food Assistance household is age 60 or older with no earned income; or
- All household members are age 60 or older and purchase and prepare food separately from the other people in the home.

MEDICAL EXPENSES

Claiming and verifying out of pocket medical expenses may increase your SNAP benefits.

Food Assistance rules give you the right to claim allowable medical expenses. Verified medical expenses (over \$35 a month) will be deducted from your countable income so you may get more Food Assistance benefits.

If your verified medical expense is more than \$35 and equal to or less than \$175, you will be eligible for the Standard Medical Deduction.

If your medical expenses are more than \$175 monthly, you may be eligible for a higher medical deduction.

Allowable medical expenses include but are not limited to:

- prescription drugs
- hospital bills
- doctor visits
- medical insurance
- transportation
- medical equipment
- eye glasses, hearing aids, dentures
- other expenses related to medical care



IF YOU INTENTIONALLY FAIL TO REPORT YOUR INCOME INFORMATION

- You could be
- **barred** from the Food Assistance Program from 1 year to permanently;
 - **fined** up to \$250,000;
 - **imprisoned** up to 20 years or both;
 - subject to **prosecution** under other applicable federal and state laws.

AESAP CUSTOMER SERVICE 1-800-438-2958

Please have your 9-digit case number available.

FS CASE NUMBER _____

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DHR - AESAP 1.800.438.2958

Issue date: _____ of each month

*Your benefits will be available after 5:00 AM on your issuance day.

Your food assistance case is certified from _____ through _____

HOW YOU WILL RECEIVE YOUR BENEFITS

PRORATED ALLOTMENT

Your benefits have been prorated according to the date we received your application.

This month is _____. You will receive \$ _____ this month. Beginning _____, you will receive your regular monthly allotment of \$ _____.

COMBINED ALLOTMENT

Your benefits for _____ and _____ are combined for your first allotment of \$ _____. You will not receive another allotment until _____. Your regular monthly allotment will be \$ _____.

RETROACTIVE ALLOTMENT

You were awarded \$ _____ for last month, which has been added to your regular monthly allotment of \$ _____ for a total of \$ _____. Beginning _____ you will receive your regular monthly allotment of \$ _____.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How long does it take to process my application?

The county department has up to 30 days from the date you turn in your application to notify you of a decision about your eligibility for food assistance. In some cases, if you have little or no income and resources, you may be entitled to expedited service and then a decision is made in 7 days from the date you turn in your application. You will be told when a decision will be made on your application when you are interviewed.

Can I receive food assistance if I have been convicted of a felony?

A person convicted of a drug related felony who is otherwise ineligible for aid under the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), also known as food stamps shall be eligible for the aid upon completion of his or her sentence or if the person is satisfactorily serving a sentence of a period of probation, including if the person has satisfactorily completed mandatory participation in a drug treatment program, provided the person meets all other requirements for eligibility under the program or programs.

ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Project SHARE: The program is administered by the Salvation Army and assists older and disabled Alabamians who need help with their energy bills.

How to apply for Project SHARE: Call 2-1-1 to find the Project SHARE agency in your area.

Alabama Power: 1-800-888-2726

Alagasco: 1-800-292-4008

Mobile Gas: 251-476-8052

FOOD STAMP RULES AND PENALTIES

- **DO NOT** buy, trade or sell food stamp benefits or EBT cards.
- **DO NOT** buy ineligible items such as alcoholic beverages or tobacco with food stamp benefits.
- **DO NOT** use your EBT card to pay on credit accounts.
- Any member who breaks any of the rules on purpose can be barred from the Food Assistance Program for one year to permanently, fined up to \$250,000, imprisoned up to 20 years or both.
- **DO NOT** use food stamp benefits to buy or sell firearms, ammunition, or explosives; if you do, and you are found guilty by a court, you will be permanently disqualified from receiving food stamps again.
- **DO NOT** buy or sell illegal drugs for food stamps; if you do, you cannot get food stamps for 24 months for the 1st offense and permanently for the 2nd offense.
- **DO NOT** receive food stamps in more than one state for the same month. Anyone found to have made a fraudulent statement or representation with respect to identity or residence shall be ineligible for 10 years from the time determination is made.



COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Adult Protective Services	334-242-1350
Adult Abuse Hotline	1-800-458-7214
AL Department of Senior Services	1-800-243-5463
AL Department of Public Health	1-800-252-1818
AL Department of Mental Health	1-800-367-0955
AL Medicaid Agency	1-800-362-1504
Elder Justice and Advocacy*	1-877-425-2243
Medicare	1-800-633-4227
Senior Rx (Prescription)*	1-800-243-5463
Social Security Office	1-800-772-1213

*Administered by the Alabama Department of Senior Services