

1. What is Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) and how is a child on SNAP and under age 6 eligible?

Federal law allows States to implement a temporary program called Pandemic- Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT), which provides eligible children with Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as food stamps) benefits. Preschool (Pre-K) through 12th grade students within eligible school buildings who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) or School Breakfast Program (SBP) may be eligible for P-EBT benefits. Children on SNAP, under the age of 6 who are not in school, are eligible for P-EBT benefits based on monthly reduction of meals provided to children at child care centers across the state in month. P-EBT is a separate benefit in addition to a family's normal monthly SNAP benefit.

The program is administered by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and the Department is partnering with the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) to ensure eligible children receive this important benefit.

2. How much will an eligible child receive?

Each child will receive **\$7.10** per day (the combined daily federal reimbursement rate for breakfast, lunch, and a snack for school year 2021-2022) for the number of eligible P-EBT days in the month. The number of eligible P-EBT days is based on the statewide average number of days representing the reduction in meals at child care centers. This number could vary each month for August 2021 through May 2022.

For August 2021 the amount is \$28.40 (4 days).

For September 2021 the amount is \$35.50 (5 days)

For October 2021 the amount is \$42.60 (6 days).

For November 2021 the amount is \$28.40 (4 days).

For December 2021 the amount is \$35.50 (5 days).

For January 2022 the amount is \$49.70 (7 days).

For February 2022 the amount is \$35.50 (5 days).

The amounts for March through May 2022 are still to be determined based on data to be received.

3. How are P-EBT benefits issued?

For each month a child is eligible for P-EBT, ODJFS will issue the P-EBT benefits to the SNAP account the child is currently receiving SNAP benefits on. The benefits are used just like SNAP benefits.

3. How often will this benefit be issued?

If your child meets the P-EBT eligibility criteria in a month, benefits will be provided as follows:

- The August, September, October, November, December, January and February benefits will be issued by the end of June 2022.
- March benefits will be issued by the end of July 2022.
- April benefits will be issued by the end of August 2022.
- May benefits will be issued by the end of September 2022.

4. *Can a family apply for P-EBT benefits?*

No. P-EBT does not have an application.

5. *How long will a family have access to the P-EBT benefits?*

The P-EBT benefits will be available for 12 months. If after 12 months the P-EBT benefits have not been spent, they will be removed (expunged) from the account. Current SNAP households will still have access to their remaining SNAP benefits.

6. *Who should a family contact if they have questions regarding P-EBT?*

For general program questions, questions about your child's benefits, please call the P-EBT customer service line at 1-866-244-0071 Option 1.