



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA P-EBT REPORT

School Year 2020–2021

WHO CARDS WERE ISSUED TO:

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COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH PLAN FOR 2020–2021:

Social media announcements, printed flyers at meal distribution and free grocery sites, utilizing COVID-19 response websites to disseminate information.

NUMBER OF SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN SERVED:

73,000

DATE TO START ISSUING SCHOOL-AGE BENEFITS:

April 1, 2021

NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN CHILD CARE SERVED:

12,000

DATE TO START ISSUING CHILD CARE BENEFITS:

April 2021

Summer 2021

STANDARD BENEFIT (Y/N):

Yes

NUMBER OF SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN SERVED:

73,000

NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN CHILD CARE SERVED:

12,000

TOTAL ESTIMATED SCHOOL-AGE BENEFIT ISSUANCE FOR SUMMER:

\$27,375,000

TOTAL ESTIMATED CHILD CARE BENEFIT ISSUANCE FOR SUMMER:

\$4,500,000

SUMMARIES

SUMMARY OF HOW STATE COLLECTED NAMES FOR ISSUANCE: The District will identify school children who were eligible for free or reduced-price school meals under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program in school year (SY) 20–21 by simply reviewing the last month of available student data and deeming all schools as operating in virtual status, rather than filtering out students attending a school in hybrid status. The District did not have any schools that became ineligible due to a full re-opening during the school year.

SUMMARY OF HOW THE STATE IDENTIFIED NEWLY ELIGIBLE STUDENTS: The Student Information System (SIS) is updated at the beginning of the school year and will contain newly approved free and reduced-price meal (FARM) applications submitted over the summer. A strict deadline will be communicated with Local Education Agency (LEA) leaders so they have an understanding

that free and reduced-price meal applications must be approved and updated in the SIS before September 10, 2021, and parents must have applied before August 30, 2021 (the first day of the new SY) to enable the Department of Human Services (DHS) to issue P-EBT benefits to students who became eligible over the summer. In this way, the District will be able to issue Summer P-EBT benefits to all newly eligible students before the end of September.

SUMMARY OF HOW STATE COLLECTED NAMES FOR CHILDREN UNDER 6: The District will identify all SNAP-enrolled children who received P-EBT child care benefits in the last month of the school year by retaining lists of children under 6, a part of SNAP households, and those issued benefits for June of 2021, then matching the list against current SNAP participants. At the end of the summer period, the District will run an additional eligibility data match to capture SNAP families with children under

the age of 6 on July 1, 2021, who became eligible during the summer period—that is July 1, 2021, through August 29, 2021. The District will issue the summer benefit to those families during the month of September.

SUMMARY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH PLAN FOR SUMMER 2021: See School Year Communications and Outreach Summary

SUMMARY OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS: All calls will be noted in the P-EBT database and any necessary actions will be escalated to the tier two case analysis team. The tier two analysis team will have access to more types of data from the Office of State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) and DHS and will not be speaking to customers, so they will be expected to focus solely on case resolutions.

DATE TO START ISSUING BENEFITS: August 25, 2021