



## Summer P-EBT for Children Under 6

### Summary of Guidance

Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) provides nutritional resources to families who have lost access to free or reduced-price school meals due to school facility closures or reduced in-person attendance or hours, as well as for children under six in households receiving SNAP. The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 has extended P-EBT through the summer of 2021.

Children under six who are enrolled in SNAP in the last month of the school year, or at any point over the covered summer period, are eligible for 2021 summer P-EBT benefits. SNAP-enrolled infants who are born before the end of the covered summer period are also eligible for P-EBT benefits for the entire covered summer period. Even if SNAP-enrolled children under six receive meals at their child care provider over the summer, they can receive P-EBT benefits regardless. The “FFCRA deems covered child care facilities closed during the covered summer period, [therefore] children may receive meals at their child care facilities and summer PEBT benefits for the same day” ([P-EBT Q&A, Summer 2021](#)).

To expedite the distribution of P-EBT benefits to eligible children, USDA has developed a simple P-EBT [summer plan template](#). The template allows states to elect a USDA-determined standard benefit instead of states having to determine their own benefit levels. The U.S. standard P-EBT benefit is based on USDA’s analysis of scheduled summer periods in the largest school districts of every state. “For States in the continental U.S., that works out to a fixed summer benefit of \$375 per eligible child (55 days at \$6.82 per day)” ([P-EBT Q&A, Summer 2021](#)).

USDA requires States in their summer plan to describe how they will identify eligible children under six for summer P-EBT. These three areas from the template must be addressed in the state plan:

- *Describe how the State will identify SNAP-enrolled children who received P-EBT child care benefits in the last month of the school year.*
- *Describe how the State will identify SNAP-enrolled children who would have received P-EBT child care benefits in the last month of the school year, but did not receive benefits because their child care facility was not closed or operating at reduced attendance or hours in that month, and neither their child care facility nor the child’s residence was in the area of a school that was closed or operating at reduced attendance or hours in that month.*
- *Describe how the State will identify children who are part of a SNAP household who are newly eligible for P-EBT child care benefits during the covered summer period.*