



## **SCHOOL-YEAR P-EBT BENEFITS | FAMILIES OF CHILDREN AGES 0-5**

Louisiana received federal approval to issue Pandemic EBT benefits to families of children ages 0-5 who lived in or attended child care in areas where facilities were closed or operating with reduced hours due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Eligible families will receive:

- **\$34.74 per eligible month between August-December 2022**
- **\$33.13 per eligible month between January-April 2023**
- **\$16.56 for May 2023**

## **NO APPLICATION NEEDED!**

You don't need to do anything to receive these benefits for your child. DCFS has issued benefits to eligible children based on SNAP household information.

## **WHO IS ELIGIBLE?**

All children under the age of six in households that had an active SNAP case in any month from August 2022 through May 2023 are eligible for P-EBT benefits for the month(s) when their case was active.

- They must have lived in or attended child care in an area where one or more schools or child care facilities were closed or operating with reduced attendance or hours.
- If a child turned six between August 2022 and May 2023, they would be eligible to receive benefits for the remainder of the school year provided they were in a household with an active SNAP case in that month.
- If your child has already received P-EBT benefits for any month during the 2022-23 school year, they are not eligible for Child Care P-EBT benefits as they may have already received benefits for the designated time period.

## **WHEN WILL P-EBT BENEFITS BE ISSUED?**

P-EBT benefits will be added directly to your household's SNAP Louisiana Purchase EBT cards in multiple payments in the Summer 2023 based on eligibility. If you lost or threw away your card, you may request a new one in CAFÉ, by calling the EBT customer service line (1-888-997-1117) or through the LifelnCheck App.

Parents can check their case through the "Check My Cases" link on their CAFÉ account at [www.dcf.la.gov/CAFE](http://www.dcf.la.gov/CAFE) or the LifelnCheck App.

## **HOW LONG CAN P-EBT RECIPIENTS USE THEIR BENEFITS?**

Under new federal rules, P-EBT benefits are good for nine months from the date of issuance or from the date of your last purchase using your EBT card, whichever is later. Benefits are removed only if:

- It has been nine months since the benefits were issued; **AND**
- It has been nine months since the recipient last used their EBT card.

**Once benefits have been removed, they cannot be added back to the card.**

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## WHICH OF YOUR CHILDREN QUALIFY?

Child Name	Benefit Months Issued	Benefit Amount
John Doe	11/20, 12/20, 01/21, 06/21, 07/21	\$660
Jane Doe	06/21, 07/21	\$375

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