# WHAT IS SNAP?

THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) IS A FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES NUTRITION BENEFITS TO LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS TO SUPPLEMENT THEIR FOOD BUDGETS, THESE BENEFITS ARE PLACED ON AN **ELECTRONIC BENEFITS** TRANSFER (EBT) CARD ONCE A MONTH, THE CARD IS USED LIKE A DEBIT CARD TO PAY FOR FOOD AT PARTICIPATING SUPERMARKETS, CONVENIENCE STORES AND FARMERS' MARKETS. IN RHODE ISLAND, SNAP IS ADMINISTERED BY THE RHODE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (DHS).

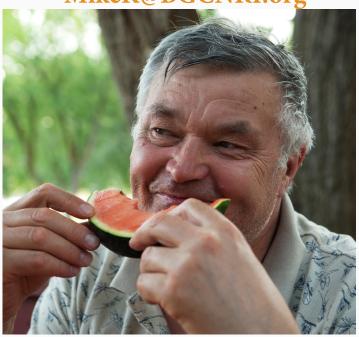
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# SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

There's enough
SNAP for everyone
who is eligible. If
you qualify,
you'll get extra
money you can use
to buy food—
every month.



### SNAP ELIGIBILITY BENEFIT AMOUNT

**ELIGIBILITY IS BASED** PRIMARILY ON INCOME AND HOUSEHOLD SIZE. HOUSEHOLDS MAY BE **ELIGIBLE EVEN IF SOMEONE IN** THE HOUSEHOLD IS WORKING OR RECEIVING UNEARNED INCOME, WHICH IS INCOME RECEIVED BY A HOUSEHOLD MEMBER THAT IS NOT WORKING.

APPLICANTS CAN HAVE A CAR. A HOUSE. AND IOR A BANK ACCOUNT AND STILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR SNAP BENEFITS.

THE AMOUNT OF MONTHLY SNAP BENEFITS VARIES AND IS BASED ON A HOUSEHOLD'S INCOME AND EXPENSES.

BENEFIT AMOUNTS CHANGE EACH YEAR AND WHEN THERE ARE CERTAIN CHANGES IN THE SNAP HOUSEHOLD.

THE AMOUNT OF BENEFITS EACH HOUSEHOLD RECEIVES IS CALCUALTED BY DHS **ACCORDING TO FEDERAL** STANDARDS BASED ON THE HOUSEHOLD'S SIZE, INCOME AND CERTAIN EXPENSES.

## HOW TO APPLY

- ONLINE SUBMIT APPLICATION VIA THE CUSTOMER PORTAL (HTTPS://HEALTHYRHODE.RI.GOV/)
- BY MAIL COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE (AVAILABLE ON THE DHS WEBSITE: WWW.DHS.RI.GOV) AND PUT IN THE SECURE DROP BOXES AT ALL DHS OFFICES OR MAIL TO:
  - RI DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, P.O. BOX 8709, CRANSTON, RI 02920-8787
- OVER THE PHONE CALL 1-855-MY-RIDHS (1-855-697-4347) MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, EXCEPT HOLIDAYS, 8:30AM - 3:00PM
- IN PERSON VISIT A DHS REGIONAL FAMILY CENTER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION. PLEASE NOTE: IN PERSON STAFF ASSISTANCE IS NOT AVAILABLE CURRENTLY DUE TO THE **COVID-19 PANDEMIC**
- DHS VENDORS CONTACT THE ORGANIZATION THAT GAVE YOU THIS BROCHURE FOR ASSISTANCE