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THE SNAP PROGRAM



What is SNAP and What can You Purchase?



The **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)** is a government program that used to be called food stamps. SNAP helps low-income people buy food. SNAP is a federal program that is run by state agencies.

- Fruits and vegetables;
- Meat, poultry, and fish;
- Dairy products;
- Breads and cereals;
- Other foods such as snack foods and non-alcoholic beverages; and
- Seeds and plants, which produce food for the household to eat.
- Discounts at the zoo, aquarium, museums, and theme parks

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Eligibility:

- Applicants must live in the state in which they apply and meet certain income limits.
- A household with an elderly (over 60) or disabled household member may have a higher income limit.

SNAP Income Eligibility Standards for Fiscal Year 2023		
Effective October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023		
Household Size	Monthly Net Income (100% of FPL)	Monthly Gross Income (130% of FPL)
1	\$1,133	\$1,473
2	\$1,526	\$1,984
3	\$1,920	\$2,495
4	\$2,313	\$3,007
5	\$2,706	\$3,518
6	\$3,100	\$4,029
7	\$3,493	\$4,541
8	\$3,886	\$5,052
Each Additional Household Member:	+\$394	+\$512

Georgia TANF Program



Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) is the monthly cash assistance program, with an employment services component, for low-income families with children under age 18, and children age 18 and attending school full-time.

Those eligible for TANF receive an EPPI Card. Cash assistance rewarded through TANF is limited to 48 months in a lifetime.

Eligibility:

- To be eligible for Georgia TANF, you must be
- A resident of Georgia, and a U.S. citizen, legal alien or qualified alien.
- You must be unemployed or underemployed and have low or very low income. You must also be one of the following:
 - Have a child 18 years of age or younger, or
 - Be pregnant, or
 - Be 18 years of age or younger and the head of your household.

What is WIC and What can You Buy



Women Infants, and Children (WIC)

was established to safeguard the health of low-income women infants and children. WIC provides nutrition education and counseling at WIC clinics and screening and referrals to other health, welfare, and social services.

**WIC participants previously received paper checks or vouchers to purchase food but as of October 2020 State agencies have been mandated to implement WIC electronic benefit transfer (EBT)

- WIC is limited to purchasing WIC approved foods.
- In most grocery stores these foods can be located by the WIC approved label.



Georgia WIC Program



Eligibility:

- Applicant must be pregnant, breast-feeding, or has recently been pregnant.
- Has an infant or child less than 5 years old
- Applicant must also have a low or moderate income AND have a special need that can be helped by WIC foods and nutrition counseling.



Income Eligibility Guidelines:

July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

Household Size	Yearly Income is no greater than	Monthly Income	Weekly Income
 1	\$25,142	\$2,096	\$484
 or  2	\$33,874	\$2,823	\$652
 3	\$42,606	\$3,551	\$820
 4	\$51,338	\$4,279	\$988
 5	\$60,070	\$5,006	\$1,156
 6	\$68,802	\$5,734	\$1,324
 7	\$77,534	\$6,462	\$1,492
 8	\$86,266	\$7,189	\$1,659
Each Add'l Family Member, add	+\$8,732 per year	+\$728 per month	+\$168 per week

Medicaid Program and What it Covers



Medicaid provides health coverage to eligible low-income adults, children, pregnant women, elderly adults and people with disabilities.

- Health coverage will pay for most services from State approved health care providers and will pay for most prescriptions (unless clients also receive Medicare.)
- Medicaid may provide **LIMITED** coverage for Medicare beneficiaries who are eligible.
 - They will pay for their Medicare Part B premiums, deductibles, and co-payments
- Receiving Medicaid **DOES NOT** affect immigration status
 - Nonqualified immigrants are only able to get health coverage for medical emergencies.

What Medicaid Covers:

- Prescription drugs
 - Inpatient hospital services
 - Preventive dental care, fillings and oral surgery for children
 - Nursing facilities (nursing homes)
 - Non-emergency transportation (to get to and from medical appointments)
 - Birthing center services
 - Dialysis and services for end-stage renal (kidney) disease
 - Durable medical equipment
- Etc.

Georgia MEDICAID Program



- **Eligibility:**
- Applicants must be pregnant or be responsible for a child 18 years of age or younger.
- Blind, or have a disability or a family member in your household with a disability.
- Have a financial situation that would be characterized as low income or very low income.
- Be 65 years of age or older.
- Valid US Citizen

Annual Household Income Limits (before taxes)

Household Size*	Maximum Income Level (Per Year)
1	\$33,568
2	\$45,226
3	\$56,885
4	\$68,543
5	\$80,201
6	\$91,860
7	\$103,518
8	\$115,177

*For households with more than eight people, add \$11,659 per additional person. Always check with the appropriate managing agency to ensure the most accurate guidelines.

Georgia CAPs Program



The CAPS program provides scholarships that help some low-income working families in Georgia afford childcare.

Once approved, they are assigned a Family Support Consultant. Family Support Consultants will work with and advocate for families, will help families if their situation changes, and will connect families with resources to help overcome obstacles to training or employment.

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be a resident of the State of Georgia.
- Their child must be 12 years of age or younger, or 17 years of age.
- Their child must be a U.S. citizen or authorized immigrant.
- Their child must be up-to-date on immunizations.
- The parent must meet the state-approved activity requirements, such as employment or education.
- The family's gross applicable income cannot exceed 50% of the state median income.





Outreach within 7 days
of receiving referral



Application submission
same day



1–2-week response
time from DFCS

Application Processing



- Client applications can be found on the Georgia Gateway website. Additional information such as; benefits information and reward amount can also be found on this website.
- Application processing can take 7- 30 days but is typically completed within 2 weeks.

Questions?

