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COVID-19 PANDEMIC ELECTRONIC BENEFIT TRANSFER (P-EBT) FOOD BENEFITS – 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

<p>Date: June 11, 2021</p>	<p>Subtopic(s): EBT</p>
	<p>The purpose of this policy bulletin is to inform Job Center, HASA Center, and SNAP Center staff that the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) is providing P-EBT food benefits to all households with children who receive free school lunch under the National School Lunch Act and whose school was closed or operating with reduced in-school attendance due to COVID-19 during the 2020-2021 academic year. Unlike the previous P-EBT issuances from 2020, these benefits are not standardized.</p> <p>OTDA began issuing benefits to eligible households who are in receipt of Cash Assistance (CA) and/or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits on Friday June 11, 2021. However, these benefits <u>will not</u> be available until Tuesday June 15, 2021.</p> <p>If an applicant/participant calls inquiring about benefits they are not familiar with, and that do not appear in WMS, staff should instruct the individual to submit their questions online to the P-EBT hotline at https://otda.ny.gov/PEBT-Contact.</p> <p>Note: This is only the first pass for 930,000 NYC public school children. Files for NYC public school children will continue to be processed over the next two to three weeks.</p> <p><i>Effective Immediately</i></p>

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 send an e-mail to *FIA Call Center Fax* or fax to: (917) 639-0298