

OFFICE OF POLICY, PROCEDURES, AND TRAINING

POLICY BULLETIN # 22-12-OPE

PANDEMIC EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND (PEAF) PAYMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Date: February 14, 2022	Subtopic(s): Upcoming Diaper and Multi-Generational Food Payments
	<p>The purpose of this policy bulletin is to inform Job Center, HASA Center, Non-Cash Assistance Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Center, and Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) staff of a new benefit being issued to eligible participants by the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA). It is informational for all other staff.</p> <p>Through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), federal funding has been allocated to the State of New York for the Pandemic Emergency Assistance Fund (PEAF). These funds will be allocated to each district for diaper and multi-generational food payments.</p> <p>Diaper and multi-generational food payments will be issued to eligible Cash Assistance (CA) and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) households as an unrestricted one-time single issuance via mass authorization to recipients on their EBT card.</p> <p>Households eligible for these one-time non-assistance payments will receive a letter from NYS OTDA informing them of the total amount of the payment and Administrative Review rights.</p> <p>Diapers CA and SNAP households will receive \$140 per eligible child. Eligibility for each household is identified by the parameters below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least one child under the age of three (3) at any time during January 2022; • Child is active on either a CA or SNAP case at any time during January 2022; and • The CA or SNAP case remains open on the day of issuance. <p>Diaper payments were issued on February 12, 2022.</p>

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Call 718-557-1313 then press 3 at the prompt followed by 1 or
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Issuance Code: **WU**

The mnemonic for each issuance code will be PEAFF.

Multi-Generational Food Payments

CA and SNAP households will receive \$730 per eligible older adult.

Eligibility for each household is identified by the parameters below:

- The older adult is age 55 or above at any point in March 2022;
- The older adult is active on either an open CA or open SNAP case which also includes at least one child aged 17 or under at any time during the month of March of 2022; and
- The CA or SNAP case remains open on the date of issuance.

Multi-generational food payments will be issued on April 23, 2022.

Issuance Code: **WT**

The mnemonic for each issuance code will be PEAFF.

All PEAFF Payments Will:

- Be excluded as income to the CA and SNAP household;
- Be excluded from CA and SNAP resource limits;
- Be excluded from the State sixty-month time limit for CA;
- Be excluded from the CA standard of need;
- Have no effect on the household's eligibility or benefit amounts for CA, SNAP or HEAP;
- Not be included in Interim Assistance Reimbursement (IAR);
- Not be offset by child support collections;
- Not be part of a regular recurring CA or SNAP grant;
- Not be subject to overpayment determinations/calculations; and
- Not offset CA or SNAP overpayments.

NYC System Specifications:

Downstate Systems has developed issuance code **WU** to be used for the diaper payments and issuance code **WT** to be used with the multi-generational food supplement payment. The mnemonic for each issuance code will be PEAFF.

Payments made with **WU** will have unique authorization number "20210153". For each additional payment, the authorization number will increase incrementally. For example, if a second issuance is required on the same suffix, it will have authorization number "20210154" and a third would have authorization number "20210155".

Payments made with **WT** will have unique authorization number "20211153". For each additional payment, if a second issuance is required on the same suffix, it will have authorization number 0211154" and a third would have authorization number "20211155".

Further instructions regarding exception reports and manually issuing supplements will be provided as they become available.

Effective Immediately

Related Item:

Local Commissioners Memorandum [22-LCM-01](#)