

FINANCIAL HELP AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE Updated June 29, 2020

TANF, SNAP & MEDICAID



Q. I receive benefits like TANF, SNAP and Medicaid and my benefits are supposed to expire in June 2020. Do I have to recertify for my benefits to continue, and what about work requirements?

A. Your benefits will automatically continue and you don't have to recertify in June. TANF is not imposing sanctions for failure to complete work requirements. TANF orientation and training programs have been suspended. Also, SNAP customers not receiving the maximum benefit should continue to receive emergency SNAP allotments in June.

Q. Can I apply for TANF, SNAP and Medicaid during the public health emergency?

A. Yes, you can download an application or apply online at <https://dhs.dc.gov/service/apply-benefits>. You also can mail, fax, or pick up or drop off a completed application at one of the 3 open ESA Service Centers for this purpose only: H Street, Taylor Street, and Congress Heights. Interviews are being conducted by phone. For help, call the DHS Call Center at 202-727-5355. **THERE IS ALSO THE NEW DC ACCESS MOBILE APP TO APPLY FOR BENEFITS: DC Access is free and available in the Google Play and Apple App Store; for help or more information on the mobile app, go to: <https://dhs.dc.gov/dcaccess>.**



RELATIVE CAREGIVER SUBSIDIES

Q. Can I apply or recertify for the Grandparent or Close Relative Caregiver Program subsidy during the public health emergency?

A. Although CFSA offices are closed to the public, you may still apply or recertify for the Grandparent and Close Relative Caregiver Program subsidies by going online at [cfsa.dc.gov](https://www.dckincare.org/subsidy-applications/) or <https://www.dckincare.org/subsidy-applications/> to download, print, complete, and email the application to cfsa.kinfirst@dc.gov. Once your application is complete, call 1-866-FAM-KIN1 to make an appointment to submit your application (if you did not email it) and for fingerprinting. Once approved, you can sign your subsidy agreement and pick up your debit card at CFSA at the same time. Recertifications are extended until 45-days after the end of the public health emergency. The 6-month waiting period to apply for the subsidies has been permanently eliminated.

