

PANDEMIC ELECTRONIC BENEFITS TRANSFER (P-EBT)

Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) is a program to help you purchase food for your child(ren) who were eligible for free or reduced price school meals at a school that participates in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) or School Breakfast Program (SBP). Summer P-EBT extends benefits during the summer months following a school year during which there was a COVID-19 public health emergency.

School-Age (K-12) Children:

- Summer P-EBT benefits are approved for school-age children in grades K-12. At this time, there is no approval for benefits for September 2022 – June 2023 for school-age children.
- Summer P-EBT benefits of \$120 per eligible child will be added to your Families First card or mailed starting September 2023. If you are not a SNAP recipient, you will get a new card in the mail even if you received P-EBT in the past.
- **Summer P-EBT benefits are a one-time amount to cover the entire Summer 2023 period.**

HOW DO I USE MY CARD?

For most SNAP recipients, benefits will be added to your Families First card. If you are not a SNAP recipient, a P-EBT card, similar to a bank card with a PIN, will be mailed to you.

To use your P-EBT benefits, you must first activate your card by calling 1-800-997-3333.

You can use your P-EBT card at any store that accepts SNAP. Look for the SNAP EBT image or visit the Using Your Benefits page on www.NJSNAP.gov for a list of stores. P-EBT benefits can be used to purchase food items. However, prepared foods, such as a rotisserie chicken or hot meals, cannot be purchased with these benefits.

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT P-EBT AND MY CARD?

To use your P-EBT benefits, you must first activate your card by calling 1-800-997-3333.

- If you forgot your PIN, you can change it or report card issues online at www.NJFamiliesFirst.com, on the ConnectEBT app or by calling New Jersey EBT Customer Service at 1-800-997-3333.
- If you need a replacement card, contact your county board of social services. A list with phone numbers and addresses can be found on www.NJSNAP.gov.
- If you are not interested in using the P-EBT benefits, please destroy your card or mail it to the address on the back of the card.
- Your P-EBT benefits are non-transferrable, which means they cannot be used by another person.

HOW DO I FIND MY P-EBT BALANCE?

- Go to NJFamiliesFirst.com or download the ConnectEBT app in the Apple App or Google Play store to create an account to view your current card balance and transaction history; or,
- Call New Jersey EBT Customer Service at 1-800-997-3333; or,
- Check your last store receipt.

More information about P-EBT can be found in the P-EBT section of www.NJSNAP.gov.