



# Child Care P-EBT



## Frequently Asked Questions

### Answers to many commonly asked questions about Child Care P-EBT food benefits for Illinois residents:

#### What is Child Care P-EBT?

Child Care P-EBT provides benefits to eligible children in a SNAP household.

#### Who is eligible for Child Care P-EBT benefits for the 2021-2022 school year?

The child must meet the following criteria to be eligible:

- \* Be under the age of 6 years as of 10/01/2021; and
- \* Must have actively received SNAP benefits for one or more months between August 2021 through May 2022, assessed on a month-by-month basis; and
- \* Has not already received School P-EBT Benefits for the same month.

#### What if my child turned 6 on 10/01/2021?

If your child turned 6 on 10/01/2021, then your child does not qualify for Child Care P-EBT benefits. The child must be under the age of 6 as of 10/01/2021.

#### Do I need to apply for Child Care P-EBT?

No, you do not need to apply for Child Care P-EBT. Benefits will be issued to the household's existing Illinois Link card. If you no longer receive SNAP benefits and need to order a new card, you may do so by calling 1-800-678-5465 (LINK) or visiting [www.link.illinois.gov](http://www.link.illinois.gov) to manage your Link EBT account or to order a new card. Availability will be based upon your regular SNAP availability date.

#### When will Child Care P-EBT benefits be issued?

Benefits will be available for August 2021 through May 2022 in June and July 2022. The June and July availability dates are the 11th - 21st of each month depending on your Regular Availability Dates. Example:

Regular Availability Date	Child Care P-EBT Availability Date
1st	11th
2nd	12th

#### How much Child Care P-EBT benefits will my child receive?

If your child is eligible, the child will receive an average of \$31.77 for each eligible month for the months of August 2021 to December 2021. The benefit amount and eligibility will be re-assessed for the months of January through May of 2022.



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**I am worried about receiving Child Care P-EBT because of my immigration status. Will getting this benefit count in a public charge test?**

No. It is important to know that Child Care P-EBT will not count in a public charge test. For more information, please visit: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/joint-letter-public-charge>

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No. It is important to know that Child Care P-EBT will not count in a public charge test. All students are eligible regardless of immigration status. Read Protecting Immigrant Families: Public Charge - Know Your Rights (pdf) for information about what public benefits impact the public charge test.

**If my child was under 6 as of 10/01/2021 and enrolled in a public school and received school P-EBT benefits, can they also receive Child Care P-EBT?**

No. If your child was under the age of 6 as of 10/01/2021 and was enrolled in a participating school and is already receiving school P-EBT benefits, your child is NOT eligible for Child Care P-EBT benefits.

**If I am currently receiving SNAP and have a Link Card, can Child Care P-EBT benefits be loaded on the card?**

Yes. A child's Child Care P-EBT benefits will be loaded onto your household's Illinois Link card, as long as they meet criteria to receive benefits.

**I received Child Care P-EBT benefits for my child, but I do not need nor want them. What do I do?**

You can contact the state of IL directly at <https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?module=17&item=131778&surveyid=1563> and complete the requested information or if you need assistance in completing this form, you may contact the Northern Illinois Food Bank SNAP Outreach Team who will assist you in completing the form. We can be reached at (844) 600-7627 Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. for assistance.

**If my child receives Child Care P-EBT, can I still go to the food pantries and get food?**

Yes. Your participation in government programs does not affect your ability to get food from the food pantry.

**Do we need to spend the Child Care P-EBT benefits in the month they were issued?**

No. You do not need to spend your Child Care P-EBT benefit in the month they were issued. However, you must make a purchase in any amount within 274 days (9 months) of the benefit issuance to avoid having benefits expunged from your EBT account due to inactivity.



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### How do I change my address?

If you have an existing case for SNAP, Cash or Medical benefits, you can contact the Northern Illinois Food Bank SNAP Outreach Team at (844) 600-7627 Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. for assistance. You can also go to [solvehungertoday.org](https://solvehungertoday.org) and click on SNAP/Food Stamps to chat with a member of our team. Additionally, you can email us at [SNAP@northernillfoodbank.org](mailto:SNAP@northernillfoodbank.org). Lastly, you can use ABE Manage My Case (MMC) to report your change of address or call the Link hotline at 1-800-678-5465.

### Can I get Child Care P-EBT benefits if I also receive benefits from the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program?

Yes, as long as you meet the Child Care P-EBT eligibility requirements, you can receive WIC and Child Care P-EBT.

### If I am not currently receiving SNAP, can I apply?

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SNAP Helpline**

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