

Changes to SNAP and Medicaid benefits

The Basics

What is the Public Health Emergency?

The Public Health Emergency (PHE) is the COVID-19 pandemic and government's response to it.

How does the PHE affect SNAP and Medicaid Benefits?

At the beginning of the PHE, the federal government put a number of programs in place to aid citizens through the PHE's unique difficulties. Such programs include Emergency Allotment SNAP benefits and Continuous Coverage for Health First Colorado (the state of Colorado's Medicaid program) benefits.

Emergency Allotment (SNAP)

SNAP beneficiaries saw the amount of their benefits increase when the PHE went into effect to the highest amount possible. This is called Emergency Allotment.

Continuous Coverage (Medicaid)

Congress passed legislation that ensured anyone enrolled in Medicaid (in Colorado, Health First Colorado) programs was guaranteed to keep their health coverage during the PHE. As the PHE unwinds for the Health First Colorado program, states will return to normal eligibility renewal/redetermination and enrollment processes and requirements.

When do these programs end in Colorado?

Emergency Allotment (SNAP)

- Ended February 2023

Continuous Coverage (Medicaid)

- Renewal and redetermination processes begin May 2023
- Redetermination of cases will take place over the course of a year

When are Medicaid cases redetermined?

Renewal/redetermination will occur in each case's predetermined renewal month.

How can my Medicaid case be renewed?

First, ensure your contact information is up-to-date in PEAK. Next, if you received your renewal paperwork in the mail, please sign and return it to Jefferson County Human Services by the date indicated in the letter.

Renewal of Medicaid cases is determined based on several factors, including but not limited to:

- Income
- Household size

You may also receive a call from a Jefferson County Eligibility Specialist to clarify information.

Resources

Food

- **Catholic Charities of Denver:** 303-742-0828; www.ccdenver.org
- **Children & Adult Care Food Program:** 303-692-2330; www.cdphe.colorado.gov/CACFP
- **Community Food Share:** 303-652-3663; www.communityfoodshare.org
- **Community Table:** 303-424-6685; www.cotable.org
- **Double Up Food Bucks:** 720-573-3617; doubleupcolorado.org
- **Evergreen Christian Outreach:** 303-670-1796; www.evergreenchristianoutreach.org
- **Food Bank of the Rockies:** 303-371-9250; www.foodbankrockies.org
- **Hunger Free Colorado:** 720-328-1284; www.hungerfreecolorado.org
- **Jeffco Schools Free or Reduced Meals:** 303-982-6748
- **Metro Caring:** 303-860-7200; www.metrocaring.org
- **Mountain Resource Center:** 303-838-7552; www.mrcco.org
- **Salvation Army:** 303-295-3366; www.salvationarmyusa.org/usn/cure-hunger/
- **The Action Center:** 303-237-7704; www.theactioncenter.org
- **The Gathering Place:** 303-321-4198; www.tgpdenver.org
- **United Way 211:** 211 or 303-561-2111; www.unitedwaydenver.org/community-programs/2-1-1
- **Waterstone Food Pantry:** 303-972-2200; www.waterstonechurch.org/serve/
- **Women, Infants and Children (WIC):** 303-692-2400; www.coloradowic.gov

Medical

- **Children's Hospital Colorado: ParentSmart Healthline:** 720-777-0123
- **Clinica Colorado:** 720-433-8461; [www.https://clinicacolorado.org/telehealth/](https://clinicacolorado.org/telehealth/)
- **Colorado Community Health Alliance:** www.cchacares.com
- **Colorado Crisis Services:** 1-844-493-8255 or text "TALK" to 38255; www.coloradocrisisservices.org
- **Colorado Indigent Care Program:** 1-800-221-3943; hcpf.colorado.gov/colorado-indigent-care-program
- **Connect for Health Colorado:** 855-752-6749; www.connectforhealthco.com
- **COVIDLine:** 720-902-9449
- **Jefferson Center for Mental Health:** 303-425-0300; www.jcmh.org
- **Medicaid:** www.healthfirstcolorado.com
- **Sheridan Clinic:** 303-315-6150; www.nursing.cuanschutz.edu/patient-care/sheridan-health-services
- **STRIDE:** 303-360-6276; www.stridechc.org

Housing

- **United Way 211:** 211 or 303-561-2111; www.unitedwaydenver.org/community-programs/2-1-1

Additional programs and services can be found at www.jeffco.us/human-services
and www.jeffco.us/4019