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West Virginians Impacted by Flooding May Qualify for Disaster SNAP Benefits

DHHR and the U.S. Department of Agriculture approve nutrition assistance benefits for 12 counties

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) today announced that residents who lived or worked in Clay, Fayette, Greenbrier, Jackson, Kanawha, Lincoln, Monroe, Nicholas, Pocahontas, Roane, Summers and Webster counties during the June 23, 2016, flooding may be eligible for Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (D-SNAP) benefits. Approved by DHHR and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), D-SNAP benefits can be used to purchase food, but cannot be used to buy alcoholic beverages, tobacco or non-food items.

“Residents who are not normally eligible for SNAP may qualify for D-SNAP due to disaster-related changes, including inability to access money in checking or savings accounts, unreimbursed disaster-related expenses or loss/reduction in income as a result of the disaster,” said Nancy Exline, Commissioner of DHHR’s Bureau for Children and Families.

Eligibility will be based on the household’s net income, which is determined by adding available income, cash on hand and accessible bank accounts, then subtracting unreimbursed disaster-related expenses. Assets such as homes and automobiles are not included in the net income eligibility determination.

Residents of the 12 identified counties may apply for D-SNAP benefits at the following locations from July 25, 2016 through July 31, 2016.

County	Site Location	Site Address	Hours of Operation
Clay	Clay DHHR	94 Main Street Clay, WV 25043	M-F 8:30 am – 7:30 pm Sat. 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Sun. 1:00 – 6:00 pm
Fayette	Fayette DHHR	1400 Virginia Street Oak Hill, WV 25901	M-F 8:30 am – 7:30 pm Sat. 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Sun. 1:00 – 6:00 pm
Greenbrier	*Rainelle Medical Center	Rainelle Medical Center 645 Kanawha Avenue Rainelle, WV 25962	M-F 8:00 am – 6:00 pm Sat. 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Sun. 1:00 – 6:00 pm
Greenbrier	Greenbrier DHHR	150 Maplewood Avenue Lewisburg, WV 24901	M-F 8:30 am – 7:30 pm Sat. 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Sun. 1:00 – 6:00 pm
Jackson	Jackson DHHR	4285 Cedar Lakes Road Ripley, WV 25271	M-F 8:30 am – 7:30 pm Sat. 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Sun. 1:00 – 6:00 pm
Kanawha	Kanawha DHHR	4190 W. Washington Street Charleston, WV 25313	M-F 8:30 am – 7:30 pm Sat. 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

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Kanawha	*Clendenin Health Center	Clendenin Health Center 107 Koontz Avenue Clendenin, WV 25045	M-F 8:00 am – 5:30 pm
Lincoln	Lincoln DHHR	8209 Court Avenue Hamlin, WV 25523	M-F 8:30 am – 7:30 pm Sat. 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Sun. 1:00 – 6:00 pm
Monroe	Monroe DHHR	174 Route 3, East Union, WV 24983	M-F 8:30 am – 7:30 pm Sat. 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Sun. 1:00 – 6:00 pm
Nicholas	Nicholas DHHR	707 Professional Park Drive Summersville, WV 26651	M-F 8:30 am – 7:30 pm Sat. 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Sun. 1:00 – 6:00 pm
Pocahontas	Pocahontas DHHR	#2 Elray Business Park Marlinton, WV 24954	M-F 8:30 am – 7:30 pm Sat. 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Sun. 1:00 – 6:00 pm
Roane	Roane DHHR	677 Ripley Road, Suite 3 Spencer, WV 25276	M-F 8:30 am – 7:30 pm Sat. 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Sun. 1:00 – 6:00 pm
Summers	Summers DHHR	320 Summers Street, Suite A Hinton, WV 25951	M-F 8:30 am – 7:30 pm Sat. 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Sun. 1:00 – 6:00 pm
Webster	Webster DHHR	110 North Main Street Suite 201 Webster Springs, WV 26288	M-F 8:30 am – 7:30 pm Sat. 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Sun. 1:00 – 6:00 pm

**Alternate site*

Applicants are strongly encouraged to bring the following items:

- photo proof of identity such as a driver's license or other picture ID;
- documentation of residence in the affected county at the time of disaster;
- verification of all income received during June 23, 2016 – July 22, 2016;
- verification of assets such as checking and savings accounts; and
- verification of all disaster-related expenses.

Most benefits will be available within one day of the date of application. Benefits must be used within 120 days.

Some residents who currently receive SNAP may be eligible for supplemental benefits. A supplement will automatically be added to the EBT card of current SNAP recipients who received June benefits in the following counties: Clay, Greenbrier, Kanawha, Monroe, Nicholas, Pocahontas, Roane and Webster. Residents of Fayette, Jackson, Lincoln, and Summers counties who received SNAP benefits in June and were impacted by the flood may request supplemental benefits through signing a supplemental benefits affidavit. Individuals who received SNAP benefits in June who worked in an eligible county may also request a supplement through signing an affidavit. Affidavits are available at local DHHR offices, by calling 1-877-716-1212 or at <http://www.dhhr.wv.gov/bcf>. Current recipients who received the maximum benefit for their households are not eligible for supplemental benefits.

All D-SNAP applications will be checked for duplication. If you violate the D-SNAP rules, you may be disqualified from the program, fined up to \$250,000 and/or put in jail for up to 20 years. Persons who purposely provide false information on a D-SNAP application may be denied benefits and legal action may be taken.

SNAP is 100 percent federally funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and offers nutrition assistance to eligible, low-income individuals and families. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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