

What is the Elderly Simplified Application Project

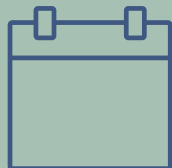
The Elderly Simplified Application Project (ESAP) makes getting and keeping Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits easier for elderly or disabled households without countable earned income. Through tools like data matching and extended certification periods, ESAP can keep more vulnerable Ohioans connected to SNAP.



Who qualifies?

Households where all adult members are 60+ or disabled* **AND** without countable earned income.

How will my clients interact with the SNAP agency differently?



Instead of 12 or 24 month period, eligible households will be certified for a 36-month period.

No annual recertification and no interim report

I don't serve this population, how does this change impact my clients?

Any step that reduces burdensome, redundant paperwork while maintaining program integrity frees up more of the SNAP agency's limited resources to serve other clients. Over time this project can be a valuable tool in improving overall equitable and timely access to services.

*minor children can be present in the assistance group

Check your eligibility for a range of benefits and apply for SNAP at benefits.ohio.gov

SNAP: Simple Access for Older or Disabled Adults



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SNAP: Deducting Medical Expenses



Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (SNAP) applicants or recipients who are age 60 or older, or disabled, can have certain allowable out-of-pocket verified medical cost that are more than \$35 deducted for their countable income used to determine SNAP benefit eligibility. Medical expenses should be reported to your county job and family services caseworker. When verified the medical expense deduction may result in SNAP eligibility or a higher monthly benefit.

Medical expenses, including one-time medical expenses, that occur during the certification period should be reported to your county job and family services as they may also be allowable.

Deductible Costs Examples:

Health Insurance Costs - Both premiums and deductibles.

Non-Reimbursed Medical Costs - Out-of-pocket costs for doctor or clinic visits, dental care, physical therapy, an emergency room, hospitalization, or outpatient care that is not paid for by insurance, Medicare, or Medicaid.

Prescription Drugs - Out-of-pocket costs for prescription drugs and delivery.

Over-the-Counter Medicine - Medications such as pain relievers, antacids, and insulin that are prescribed or approved by a qualified health care provider.

Alternative Medical Treatments - Prescribed treatments such as chiropractic, acupuncture, or massage therapy.

Health Related Supplies - Hearing aids, prescription eyeglasses/contact lenses, dentures, foot care supplies, and adult diapers.

Health Equipment - Wheelchairs or mobility aids, prosthetics, personal emergency response systems, communications equipment for the hearing or visually impaired, and sick room equipment.

Medical Transportation - Personal vehicle mileage and bus, subway, or taxi fare to a medical appointment or pharmacy.

Home Health Care - Home health or adult day care as related to age or disability.

Service Animals - Expenses related to service animals, including veterinary bills and food supplies.

Are all adults in your household 60 years of age or older or disabled? It's easier than ever to apply for SNAP!

Every day, older and disabled adults just like you use SNAP benefits to buy nutritious food to stay healthy.

Applying for SNAP is now easier than ever

- ESAP households will only need to recertify every three years.
- ESAP households are required to report any changes but will not receive an interim report unless they lose ESAP eligibility.



What information Will You Need to Complete Your Application?

- Your name
- Address (if you have one)
- Signature

Please remember to sign your application and to submit only **copies** of documents - keep your originals!

The more questions you answer about yourself and your household and the more information you provide about your income will help with the interview and eligibility determination process.