

Understanding Recent Changes to FOODSHARE

FoodShare is the largest anti-hunger program in the United States.



ONE meal
Feeding America
provides...







FoodShare allows people to get out of the pantry line...



.. and into the **grocery store**



FoodShare helps the local economy because dollars are usally SPENT IN THE COMMUNITY WHERE THEY ARE RECEIVED

FoodShare continues with or without a public health emergency. To apply for FoodShare, visit access.wisconsin.gov/access

The Families First Coronavirus Act provided a bump in benefits (called emergency allotments) for people receiving FoodShare.

TWO REQUIREMENTS

for FoodShare households to receive the extra help with food:





Starting in April 2021,

HOUSEHOLDS THAT HAD NOT RECEIVED at least \$95 PER MONTH

in increased benefits through emergency allotments during the pandemic

because they were already at or close to receiving the current maximum benefit

will now be eligible to receive additional benefits.

Benefit levels will remain unchanged for households that have been receiving increased payments of at least \$95 per month.

Regular Emergency Allotment (In Place Since March 2020)

John Smith is 79 years old and a retired machinist.



- He lives alone.
- He receives \$16/month in FoodShare.
- John will receive a supplement of \$218/ month – boosting his food aid to \$234/month.

Expanded Emergency Allotment for Lowest Income Families (per 4/1/2021 USDA guidance)

Kara Jones lost her job last September.

- She has no income and receives \$234/month inFoodShare.
- Kara will be eligible for a \$95/month supplement
- boosting her FoodShare to\$329/month.