



NAP Newsletter

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Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer (S-EBT)

What is S-EBT?



S-EBT is a new, PERMANENT USDA program aimed at helping students purchase healthy food during the summer months when schools are not in session. Some may remember during the COVID outbreak that PSS administered a Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) program. P-EBT laid some of the groundwork for S-EBT.

In the CNMI, the Nutrition Assistance Program (NAP) and PSS Child Nutrition Program (CNP) will coordinate the distribution of S-EBT benefits. For 2024 S-EBT, USDA is waiving the application requirement for students residing in the territories.



Who is eligible for Summer 2024 EBT?

The CNMI will follow Board of Education (BOE) policy to define school-aged children. As per BOE policy, a school-aged child "turns 5 years old on or before September 30." For 2024 S-EBT eligibility, the child must have turned 5 years old on or before September 30, 2023.

- All school-aged kids enrolled and attending K-12 schools that participate in the PSS school meals program are eligible.
- All school-aged kids up to the age of 17 receiving NAP benefits, regardless of enrollment, are eligible.



Who is NOT eligible for Summer 2024 EBT?

- Preschool children, including Head Start kids, unless they meet the NAP and/or age requirements noted above
- Kids not enrolled in K-12 schools participating in the school lunch program, which includes homeschooled kids who are not NAP recipients
- Kids 17 years or older who have dropped out of school during the current or previous school year and are not NAP recipients
- Kids who transfer or leave island before the end of the school year



How to make sure your child receives the S-EBT benefits:

The student information used to distribute S-EBT benefits will come from each school or school district's student information system. In other words, the information input when the student registered for school will be the information used to distribute the benefits at the NAP office. NAP and CNP will receive student data from the schools. In the case of PSS, that information will come from the school records.

Parents and guardians are listed in each school's student records. Parent/guardian #1 and parent/guardian #2 will be pulled from the files and those two adults, and only those two adults, will be authorized to pick up a student's benefits at the NAP office. We ask that each child's parental situation in the school records be resolved and "final" as of April 30, 2024. At that time, PSS will begin generating the student data reports needed by NAP to process and prepare the benefits for distribution.



Skillet Lasagna with Kangkung

8 servings (1 cup/serving) 30 minutes

INGREDIENTS

- 8 cooked lasagna noodles (cook according to package directions)
- 1 (15 ounce) carton small curd cottage cheese
- ½ cup grated parmesan cheese, divided in half
- 1 tablespoon Italian seasoning
- Nonstick cooking spray
- 1 (24 ounce) jar tomato pasta sauce, without meat
- 1 bundle kangkung – (wash, chop into 2-inch pieces, wilt in a pan with olive oil & a pinch of salt & drain any liquid)
- 8 ounces mozzarella cheese, shredded (2 cups shredded)

Nutrition Facts	
8 servings per container	
Serving size 1 Cup (288g)	
Amount per Serving	
Calories	320
<small>% Daily Value*</small>	
Total Fat 10g	20%
Saturated Fat 5g	10%
Trans Fat 0g	0%
Cholesterol 30mg	6%
Sodium 600mg	12%
Total Carbohydrate 50g	10%
Dietary Fiber 4g	8%
Total Sugars 8g	16%
Includes 1g Added Sugars	
2%	
Protein 20g	40%
Vitamin D 0mg	0%
Calcium 170mg	34%
Iron 2mg	4%
Potassium 100mg	20%



DIRECTIONS

1. Collect, shred & measure all ingredients before starting to prepare the recipe.
2. In a large bowl, mix the cottage cheese, ½ cup parmesan cheese, and Italian seasoning.
3. Spray a large skillet well with cooking spray. Do not place skillet on heat until all ingredients are in skillet.
4. Spread half of the jar of sauce in the sprayed skillet.
5. Top with 4 lasagna noodles.
6. Spread half the cottage cheese mixture over the noodles.
7. Top with half the kangkung.
8. Sprinkle half of the mozzarella cheese over the spinach.
9. Repeat with the remaining ingredients in this order: lasagna noodles, cottage cheese mixture, kangkung, pasta sauce & mozzarella cheese.
10. Sprinkle with the rest of the parmesan cheese (½ cup) & cover.
11. Place skillet on the heat and turn heat on to medium low. Cook for about 20 minutes until the cheese melts & the sauce is bubbling. Remove from heat & let stand for 5 minutes (covered) before serving.



COUPON VALIDITY

Effective May 2024, the validity of food benefit coupons is changed to a 1-month period. Coupons issued from May 01, 2024 and the remaining months in 2024, will expire in 1 month.

For example:

Coupons issued May 01, 2024 to May 31, 2024 expires May 31, 2024, 12 midnight. Coupons issued in May **CANNOT BE RE-DEEMED** at any store in June.

ROTA
Benefit Issuance Schedule

Rota Distribution Time is from
8:00AM to 3:00PM.
Closed on Weekends and Holidays.

JULY 01, 2024 MON	M-Z
JULY 02, 2024 TUE	Elderly, Special Needs Clients/ A-L
JULY 03, 2024 WED	OPEN DAY
AUG 01, 2024 THU	Elderly, Special Needs Clients/ A-L
AUG 02, 2024 FRI	M-Z
AUG 05, 2024 MON	OPEN DAY

TINIAN
Benefit Issuance Schedule

Tinian Distribution Time is from
8:00AM to 3:00PM.
Closed on Weekends and Holidays.

JULY 01, 2024 MON	Elderly, Special Needs Clients
JULY 02, 2024 TUE	A-L
JULY 03, 2024 WED	M-Z
AUG 01, 2024 THU	Elderly, Special Needs Clients
AUG 02, 2024 FRI	A-L
AUG 05, 2024 MON	M-Z

SAIPAN
Benefit Issuance Schedule (8:00AM-3:00PM)

NAP coupons will be issued through a walk-in at the
JTV Building in As Lito based on the set schedule below:
Subject to change in case of Emergency

JULY 2024		
JULY 01, 2024	MON	Case Record ID ending with '7 & 8'
JULY 02, 2024	TUE	Case Record ID ending with '9 & 0'
JULY 03, 2024	WED	Case Record ID ending with '1 & 2'
JULY 05, 2024	FRI	Case Record ID ending with '3 & 4'
JULY 08, 2024	MON	Case Record ID ending with '5 & 6'
JULY 09, 2024	TUE	OPEN DAY
AUGUST 2024		
AUG 01, 2024	THU	Case Record ID ending with '5 & 6'
AUG 02, 2024	FRI	Case Record ID ending with '7 & 8'
AUG 05, 2024	MON	Case Record ID ending with '9 & 0'
AUG 06, 2024	TUE	Case Record ID ending with '1 & 2'
AUG 07, 2024	WED	Case Record ID ending with '3 & 4'
AUG 08, 2024	THU	OPEN DAY

ORIENTATION ANNOUNCEMENT

NAP Office does not require an applicant to attend the Mass Orientation, instead NAP has an Orientation in paper version, where you can obtain a copy from the NAP Office or in the NAP Website:
<http://www.cnminap.gov.mp>
Make sure to read all the contents and acknowledge the last page to ensure you understood the Orientation Paper.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

NAP would like to remind all NAP clients to **renew as early as the first week of each month** to avoid delays of issuance of benefit for the following month. If the NAP I.D. expires at the end of the month, that means your renewal should be done on the same month except on the first week. Application package can be picked up at the Certification Unit or downloaded online at www.cnminap.gov.mp

CNP and NAP are not referees in family disputes regarding which parent in split households will be determined head of household. It is the responsibility of the parents/guardians and the schools to ensure that information is accurate as of April 30. CNP and NAP are simply transferring the data from the records to make the benefits available. Changes made after April 30 may or may not be reflected in the benefit distributions. As these are federal funds, there must be accountability.



If an eligible student is 18 years of age or older, s/he will be allowed to pick up his/her own benefits.



For those households who opted out of sharing your children's data.

This was an option when registering your children at PSS. If you chose "don't share my child's data," your child's data will not be sent to NAP and there will be no benefits issued. You can check (and possibly change) your data sharing status by visiting the PSS Parent Portal or visiting the registrar at your child's school.

Distribution



Each student meeting the age and enrollment requirements is eligible to receive \$177 in S-EBT benefit coupons. **Distribution dates are by letters and we are to follow the LAST NAME OF THE HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD.** Distributions will take place according to the following schedule:

FIRST LETTER OF LAST NAME	DATE	DAY
'A' to 'B'	July 15, 2024	Monday
'C' to 'D'	July 16, 2024	Tuesday
'E' to 'K'	July 17, 2024	Wednesday
'L' to 'N'	July 18, 2024	Thursday
'O' to 'R'	July 19, 2024	Friday
'S' to 'T'	July 20, 2024	Saturday
CLOSED	July 21, 2024	Sunday
'U' to 'Z'	July 22, 2024	Monday



Open days will be July 23 to November 08, 2024 except weekends and holidays from 8:00am to 12:00pm via walk-in process for households unable to pick up during the drive-thru in the NAP BiCA Office. S-EBT benefits will be distributed in a similar way to monthly NAP benefits, but during a different week of the month due to NAP staffing capacity.

Households coming to pick up S-EBT benefits that do not correspond to their appropriate day will be instructed to return on their designated day, or walk in between 8:00am to 12:00 pm July 23 - November 09. This information will be included in all flyers and announcements. In addition, two signs are posted per day with the first letters of the last names being issued for that day.



If your child does not get benefits:

There will be some eligible students who, for whatever reason, do not receive benefits during the initial distributions. A helpline will be set up to receive calls and collect information. CNP, NAP, and PSS will investigate and ensure that households of all eligible kids receive the benefits they are entitled to. It may take longer than you expect, but eligible students will have access to benefits before the end of the distribution period in November.



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