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Federal Approval Clears Path for Summer EBT Rollout

Helping eligible children maintain access to nutritious foods during the summer months

Hagåtña, Guam – The Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) announces that Guam's Summer EBT Plan for 2026 has received federal approval, marking an important step toward implementing the program for eligible children across Guam this summer.

Summer EBT provides grocery benefits that help eligible families maintain access to nutritious foods during the summer months when school meals are not available.

For 2026, Guam was awarded \$6,540,480 in Summer EBT benefits, an increase from the \$6,413,772 awarded in 2025. The increase reflects a higher number of eligible children identified through participating schools, including Guam Department of Education (GDOE), Department of War Education Activity (DoWEA), and Guahan Academy Charter School.

With federal approval secured, DPHSS is actively completing final preparations necessary to launch the program, including distribution planning and administrative requirements to support a smooth rollout this summer for eligible households. Specific distribution dates, locations, and additional program details will be announced once preparations are finalized.

Who May Qualify for Summer EBT 2026?

Children may be **eligible** if they:

- Are enrolled and attended a National School Lunch Program (NSLP)/School Breakfast Program (SBP) school at any point between July 1, 2025 – August 06, 2026 (end of the Summer Operational Period (SOP)).
– OR –
- Are school-age children (5 to 18 years old) **who are not enrolled** in an NSLP/SBP school **but participated in** the Supplemental Nutrition Program (SNAP) and/or in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), between July 1, 2025 – August 06, 2026 (end of SOP).

DPHSS appreciates the community's patience as final preparations continue and remains committed to keeping families informed as the program moves forward.

For further information, please call the Bureau of Economic Security at (671) 300-8853 or (671) 300-8872, or email kidssebtguam@dphss.guam.gov.

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