

EES Policy No. 20-03-30	RE: COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency Allotments (supplements benefits)
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The Families First Coronavirus Response Act of 2020 allows for the issuance of emergency allotment (EA) supplemental payments when there is a public health emergency declaration by the Secretary of Health and Human Services under section 319 of the Public Health Service Act related to an outbreak of COVID-19, and a State has also issued an emergency or disaster declaration. Kansas is approved to issue EA supplemental benefits to ongoing Food Assistance households for March, April, May, June, and July of 2020. This means benefit amounts will be increased to the maximum benefit amount based on household size. Ongoing Food Assistance households that already received the maximum monthly allotment for their household size are not eligible for this EA supplemental benefit. The EA supplement benefit will be distributed to ongoing Food Assistance households through their EBT cards.

EA supplemental benefits for ongoing Food Assistance households for March will be issued April 15th-24th based on the consumer's last name. The EA supplemental benefits for April will be issued in May.

New applications received in April, May, June, and July or late Reviews for April, May, June, and July benefits will receive the EA supplemental benefit. Benefit amounts for the initial benefit month will be increased to the maximum benefit amount based on household size.

The EA supplements must be tracked for reporting purposes. They are not to be issued for benefit months prior to EA approval. The agency may request additional months from USDA if there is an ongoing need for EA supplemental payments. Notification to the households will be done by public announcement. Kansas has been approved to issue EA supplements for the months of March, April, May, June, and July 2020. April EA benefits were issued May 11th-20th; May EA benefits were issued June 15th-June 24th; June EA benefits will be issued July 21st-30th. July EA benefits will be issued in August issuance date are TBD.

Example –

Client applies on March 15:

\$355 is the maximum benefit amount

-\$184 is the pro-rated amount they received

=**\$171 EA supplemental payment**

Information for processing is available in these Dispatches located in the KEES Use Manual:

[Friday, April 10, 2020](#)

[Monday, May 11, 2020](#)

[Friday, June 12, 2020](#)