

# Urgent Bulletin

Arizona Department of Economic Security  
Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System

## New \$95 Minimum to Supplemental NA Benefits

04/23/2021

Program Impact: NA

Effective the benefit month of 04/2021, the Supplemental NA benefit amount not only raises the NA allotment to the maximum monthly NA allotment, but it also ensures a minimum emergency supplement amount of \$95. This means households that are already receiving the maximum monthly NA allotment for the month receive an additional \$95. (See the [Urgent Bulletin](#) emailed on 04/10/2020 for additional information regarding Supplemental NA benefits.)

Note: As a reminder, zero-pay households are not eligible for Supplemental NA benefits.

FAA Systems ran a special job last night, 04/22/2021, to provide an additional emergency supplement to households whose previous supplement for 04/2021 was under the \$95 minimum. Households that received the maximum monthly allotment for NA in 04/2021 will receive the \$95 minimum supplement when the 'catch-up' job runs in early May.

Note: Households may have two allotments identified as \*CMAX on FSBH for the benefit month of 04/2021.

As an example, the maximum NA allotment amount for a household of three is \$616 (this includes the temporary 15% increase); therefore, the following applies:

- A household of three that is normally eligible for \$616 receives a supplement of \$95.
- A household of three that is normally eligible for \$550 also receives a supplement of \$95. (In 04/2021, FSBH shows a \*CMAX supplement for \$66 and another supplement for \$29.)
- A household of three that is normally eligible for \$450 receives a supplement of \$166.

Note: This household does not receive an additional supplement for 04/2021 because their emergency supplement is already higher than the \$95 minimum.

Effective the benefit month of 05/2021 and ongoing months, the \$95 minimum will pay with the normal emergency supplement schedule provided the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) approves the continuation of Supplemental NA benefits.

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## IMPORTANT REMINDER

Elevate supplement requests through Region Management when one or more of the following occur:

- The household reports an increase in the household size and the previously issued supplement was for a smaller household size.

Note: To determine the supplement amount in these situations, calculate the difference between the total of all NA benefits issued in 04/2021 (normal and \*CMAX supplements) and the maximum NA allotment of the new household size. Only request a supplement when the difference results in additional NA benefits.

- The household was previously in zero-pay status.
- NA benefits less than the NA maximum monthly allotment for the household size have been authorized for a benefit month that is more than four months in the past (04/2020 through 12/2020).

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