

Urgent Bulletin

Arizona Department of Economic Security
Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System

Emergency Allotment \$95 Minimum Clarification

07/27/2021

Program Impact: NA

Effective the benefit month of 04/2021, the agency is required to issue a minimum emergency allotment (EA) amount of \$95. (See the [Urgent Bulletin](#) emailed on 04/10/2020 for additional information regarding Supplemental NA benefits.)

NOTE When a household is eligible to receive an EA, \$95 is the minimum amount that can be issued per month. The \$95 is not 'in addition to' the EA amount.

For example, in 06/2021 the maximum NA allotment amount for a household of three is \$616; therefore, the following applies:

- A household of three that is already eligible for the maximum NA allotment amount of \$616 would receive the minimum EA amount of \$95.
- A household of three that is normally eligible for \$550 also receives an EA amount of \$95. (\$616 minus \$550 equals an EA amount of \$66. An additional \$29 of EA benefits are added because \$66 is less than the \$95 minimum.)
- A household of three that is normally eligible for \$450 receives an EA amount of \$166. (\$616 minus \$450 equals an EA amount of \$166. No EA benefits are added because the EA amount is higher than the \$95 minimum.)

Addressing Supplements

Elevate supplement requests through Region Management following normal procedures 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.
- The household was previously in zero-pay status but due to a change is now eligible for a benefit amount. The household is now eligible to receive an EA.
- 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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What Does FAA Help Desk do to Confirm the EA Amount?

The EA amount is identified as *CMAX on FSBH for reporting purposes.

FAA Help Desk does not add the *CMAX amount when the household was in zero pay in a month within the FAA Systems 'catch-up' job. The 'catch-up' job is run monthly and goes back four months to issue any NA EA benefits that may not have been issued.

FAA Help Desk confirms the new amount the household would have received by adding the new allotment to the new *CMAX amount. When the new amount is less than or equal to what was already issued, no supplement is added. However, when the new amount is higher, the difference between the new amount and what was already paid is the supplement amount. When the new *CMAX amount is higher than the *CMAX amount already paid, the difference between the *CMAX amounts is reduced from the supplement and keyed separately as *CMAX for reporting purposes.

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