SNAP Outreach Program at MMC

MMC is a Community Partner with the Division of Social Services. As a partner, it accepts applications for SNAP (Food Stamps) to help seniors (50 yrs and older) apply for the benefits.

The SNAP Outreach worker can also assist applicants with applications for Medicaid. Seniors that are receiving Medicare may be eligible for Medicaid if their income is below the specified income limits. Seniors not yet eligible for Medicare may be eligible for Adult Medicaid which has higher income limits. The income limits are discussed during the SNAP application process.

When approved for SNAP, an EBT card (Electronic Benefit Transfer card) is sent to the SNAP applicant. EBT cards resemble debit/credit cards.

SNAP Recipients who need help with their EBT card can contact 800-526-9099.

Applications for SNAP can be submitted to the MMC SNAP Outreach Coordinator at several Senior Centers across Kent County. Please check with your local Senior Center for dates when the coordinator is scheduled to visit. When applying for SNAP, the following verifications are necessary: Government issued picture ID, Social Security Card, Medicare Card, Birth Certificate, all current utility bills, out of pocket medical expenses and verification of all income being received. Social Security Award letters must also be submitted.

The MMC SNAP Program coordinator can also help with Renewals and Periodic Reports.

Any person 50 years or older living in Delaware can contact Oscar Sebastian 302-734-1200 ext. 174 or 302-943-5154 (Cell) for an appointment.

Delaware Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP)

Participants of the program should use their gift cards before November 30. After that date, the gift card will no longer be accepted. The participants can use their gift cards at participating vendors listed on the paperwork given to them. Dettwiller Farms, Amish owned local farmer specializing in vegetables grown without pesticides will be at MMC every Thursday until November 20.

These are frequently asked questions by new SNAP applicants:

Q: **Am I eligible?**

A: Qualification for food benefits is based on income, family relationships and expenses. If you meet the income levels in the chart, it's likely that you would be eligible to receive food benefits.

Q: **Why should I apply?**

A: SNAP can relieve the need to sacrifice healthy food choices in order to pay for other essentials. If you receive SNAP benefits you will be given an Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card that functions like a debit card to help pay for groceries.

Q: **What do I need?**

A: In order to apply you will need a photo ID or other official document verifying your identity and date of birth as well as those of all the members of your household. You will also need your social security number, and proof of income such as social security award letter and pension statement. Always be sure to provide a valid phone number.

Q: **What can/can't be bought with SNAP benefits?**

A: Households CAN use SNAP benefits to buy: - Foods for the household to eat such as: - Breads and cereals - Fruits and vegetables - Meats, fish, and poultry - Dairy products - Seeds and plants which produce food for the household to eat. Households CANNOT use SNAP benefits to buy: - Beer, wine, liquor, cigarettes or tobacco - Any non-food items such as: - Pet foods - Soaps and paper products - Household supplies - Hot foods Additional information: - Soft drinks, candy, cookies, snack crackers and ice cream are food items and are, therefore, eligible items. - Energy drinks with nutrition facts are eligible, energy drinks with supplement facts are not eligible.

The Income Limits for the new Federal Fiscal Year increased effective October 1, 2024. Below are the income limits for October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025.

SNAP Income Limits

(Effective Oct. 1, 2024 - Sept. 30, 2025) Income limits increased at the start of the Federal Fiscal Year 10/1/24.

To qualify for the SNAP Program as elderly, a person must be at be least 60 yrs. old (disabled persons also have the same income limits). Household income limits for persons under 60 yrs. old are slightly lower.

Household Size	Elderly/Disabled Separate Household 165% of FPL*	Maximum Gross Monthly Income 200% of FPL*
1	$2,071	$2,510
2	$2,811	$3,408
3	$3,551	$4,304

Household Size	Maximum gross income for SNAP under 60 years (130% of FPL)
1	$1,632
2	$2,215
3	$2,798

Income Limits for Adult Medicaid (Not eligible for Medicare yet)

Household Size	Adult & Children 6-18 (133% of FPL*)
1	$1,669
2	$2,265
3	$2,862

*FPL= Federal Poverty Level

When comparing the household's income with the chart, applicants must be aware that gross income and not the net income is used in calculating the benefits. As an example, during the application process, many seniors are only reporting their net Social Security income and not including what is being deducted towards their Medicare Premium. This premium and other out of pocket supplemental medical insurance premiums and other medical expenses not covered by health insurance are also allowable deductions used in determining SNAP benefits.

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