



**DELAWARE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES**  
DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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May 4, 2020

Eric Ratchford  
Director  
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Food and Nutrition Service  
Mid-Atlantic Region  
300 Corporate Blvd.  
Robbinsville, NJ 08691

Dear Mr. Ratchford:

Enclosed is Delaware's Emergency Allotment Extension Request for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits for the month of May 2020.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Delaware's Governor issued a State of Emergency effective March 13, 2020 and a Stay at Home Order effective March 24, 2020. Delaware Health and Social Services, Division of Social Services was approved by the Food and Nutrition Service to issue SNAP Emergency Allotments in March and April 2020.

Delaware continues to be under a State of Emergency and a Stay at Home Order. For this reason, the Division of Social Services is requesting an extension of Delaware's Emergency Allotment Waiver for May 2020.

Delaware estimates that 36,620 households will be eligible to receive the emergency allotment in May 2020 and \$6,959,938 in emergency benefits will be issued for the month.

Regards,

Thomas Hall  
Deputy Director  
Division of Social Services

## SNAP Emergency Allotment Extension – Template

State/Territory: Delaware

1. **May** EA Issuance date(s): May 29, 2020

2. **May** estimate of the number of households and estimated EA amount:

- Number of households receiving emergency allotment benefits: 36,620
- Amount of emergency allotment benefits issued for one month: \$6,959,938.00

3. **Confirmation** that one or more of the following conditions exists due to COVID-19. (Check all that apply):

Residents of the State are confirmed to have contracted COVID-19

Some or all areas of the State are containment or quarantine zones

Businesses have closed or significantly reduced their hours

The State's residents have experienced economic impacts due to job suspensions or losses

The State's residents have been directed to practice social distancing

### **And**

The State's emergency or disaster declaration remains active.

All FNS requirements shall remain the same as listed in the initial State approval.

USDA reserves the right to withdraw or otherwise modify this approval subject to availability of funding.