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Subject: Pre-6 P-EBT Additional FoodShare Benefits

For Our TANF Partners:

Individuals with children under the age of 6 who received FoodShare benefits during the 2020-2021 school year may receive additional benefits on their QUEST card as early as **May 29** through the <u>Pre-6 Pandemic-EBT program (P-EBT)</u>. Families do <u>not</u> need to take any action to receive Pre-6 P-EBT benefits.

Program Information

A family is eligible for Pre-6 P-EBT if:

- their child was under 6 years of age as of October 1, 2020;
- their household received FoodShare benefits in the month for which benefits are being issued:
- their child is not eligible for the 2020-2021 school-age P-EBT program; and
- school-age children were learning from home part- or full-time in that month, as reported by a majority of schools in their region. For a regions map, see the <u>Pre-6 P-EBT webpage</u>.

Eligible families will receive a letter notifying them of eligibility and the amount of additional benefits per month. Additionally:

- The first benefit issued will retroactively cover months October-December 2020.
- Families will only receive Pre-6 P-EBT benefits for months they received FoodShare.
- Children do not have to be enrolled in childcare for families to receive this benefit.
- Pre-6 P-EBT benefits must be used within one year of the date they are put on the QUEST card, and can be used in any store that accepts FoodShare.

If a child is under 6 years of age, but is enrolled in the free or reduced-price meal program at a K-12 school, they are eligible to receive <u>school-age P-EBT</u> and will not receive Pre-6 P-EBT. If a family has one child who is eligible for Pre-6 P-EBT and another child who is eligible for school-age P-EBT, the family can receive both kinds of benefits.

The Department of Health Services has a <u>webpage for FAQs</u> about Pre-6 P-EBT. If you have any questions, please contact P-EBT support at <u>PEBTSupport@wisconsin.gov</u> or 1-833-431-2224.

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