

## Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer Program

As part of collaborative efforts between the State and the USDA to enhance summer nutrition programs, the Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer Program for Children (S-EBT) will officially launch this summer. S-EBT provides grocery-buying benefits to low-income families with school-aged children when schools are closed for the summer.

S-EBT benefits will come in the form of pre-loaded cards or loaded on to existing Ohio Direction cards that families can use to purchase groceries. Beginning this summer families will receive \$40 per eligible child, per summer month (\$120 total, issues all at once). These benefits work together with other available nutrition assistance programs, such as summer meal sites, SNAP, and WIC, to help ensure kids have consistent access to critical nutrition when school is out. The benefit will begin being issued in mid-June but not all will be issued at the same time.

**NEW S-EBT cards will be sent to the address Madison has on file. Cards can be reissued but funds will not be reissued if already spent. Please note old P-EBT cards will not be used. S-EBT is a permanent program and you should keep your card for next summer as a new card will not automatically be issued. Please update mailing address and make sure Primary Guardian is correct in FinalForms by May 10<sup>th</sup> to ensure correct information is send for S-EBT benefits card.**

Students eligible for benefits are as follows: Households currently receiving SNAP, TANF or OWF benefits, Student on Medicaid that meet the income eligibility qualifications for free/reduced meals; Categorically Eligible students (Foster, Homeless, Migrant, Runaway.) And students who qualify via income application for free/reduced meals. The eligibility window for households is from July 1st 2023- July 31st 2024. If households met any of the above eligibility requirements within this time frame, they are eligible and will automatically be submitted to receive benefits, they don't need to take any action to receive these benefits.