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FOOD STAMPS ON-LINE: A REVIEW OF STATE GOVERNMENT FOOD STAMP WEBSITES

Virtually all states have made information regarding the Food Stamp Program, including their applications, state policy manuals or regulations, and general program information, available to the public via the World Wide Web. The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities reviewed each state's web pages to determine what information and services they offer regarding the Food Stamp Program.

This paper lists the addresses for each state's food stamp web pages and also provides an overview of the types of information and services that states provide. Those interested in expanding the services provided on their state's web page may find the overview section helpful because it highlights the various features states offer, such as benefit calculators or office locators.

Readers may access states' web page listings and addresses either by clicking on a state name in the table below or using the comprehensive list at the end of the paper.

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| Alabama | Georgia | Maryland | New Jersey | South Carolina |
| Alaska | Hawaii | Massachusetts | New Mexico | South Dakota |
| Arizona | Idaho | Michigan | New York | Tennessee |
| Arkansas | Illinois | Minnesota | North Carolina | Texas |
| California | Indiana | Mississippi | North Dakota | Utah |
| Colorado | Iowa | Missouri | Ohio | Vermont |
| Connecticut | Kansas | Montana | Oklahoma | Virginia |
| Delaware | Kentucky | Nebraska | Oregon | Washington |
| District of Columbia | Louisiana | Nevada | Pennsylvania | West Virginia |
| Florida | Maine | New Hampshire | Rhode Island | Wisconsin |
| | | | | Wyoming |

Overview of Findings

There is significant variation among states' food stamp web pages and their on-line services. Some states provide a simple description of the program on their agency's website. Others offer applications, benefit calculators, pre-screening tools, detailed program operation instructions for caseworkers, known as "policy manuals," and copies of program memorandums to eligibility

TABLE 1
OVERVIEW OF SERVICES AVAILABLE ON STATE FOOD STAMP WEB PAGES

| Features | States that Offer | Total |
|-----------------------------------|--|--------------|
| Printable Applications | AL, AK, AZ, AR, CA, CO, CT, DE, DC, FL, GA, HI, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NE, NV, NH, NJ, NM, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VT, VA, WA, WI, WY | 50 |
| On-line Applications | DE, NJ, KS, PA, VA, WA, WV, WI// only for select counties: NY | 9 |
| Eligibility Screening Tools | AK, FL, KS, MD, MN, NH, RI, TX, VA, WA// only for select counties: NY | 11 |
| Benefit Calculators | DE, IL, MA, NJ, ND, OR, PA, SC, WV, WI | 10 |
| Link to USDA's Benefit Calculator | CA, CO, IA, IN, LA, MN, MO, NV, NC, OH, OK, SD, TN, WY | 14 |
| On-line Policy Manuals | AL, AK, AR, CA, CO, DE, FL, HI, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NE, NV, NH, NJ, NM, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VT, VA, WA, WV, WY | 46 |
| Basic Program Information | AL, AK, AZ, AR, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NE, NV, NH, NJ, NM, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VT, VA, WA, WV, WI, WY | 50 |

workers that describe policy changes to the program. By making all of these materials readily accessible to the public, states can facilitate an improved understanding of the Food Stamp Program. The table below summarizes the types of services available and which states offer them.

- **Printable applications** are available on 49 state websites and the District of Columbia website. State food stamp agencies with websites are now required by law to make their food stamp application available on-line. In addition, the application must be posted to the website in every language in which the state makes paper copies available. Twenty-eight states make their application available online in one foreign language, while seven states make it available in two or more foreign languages. Making applications available on-line is a helpful tool for those interested in increasing access to the Food Stamp Program. It allows potential food stamp participants to review or to complete the application outside of the welfare office, often with the help of a community services agency. By seeing the application in advance of going to the welfare office, individuals can familiarize themselves with the information required to complete the application process. This simple step can help to make the process more transparent and less daunting to potential applicants.
- **On-line food stamp applications** actually allow individuals to complete and submit an application over the internet. Nine states offer this tool in addition to their printable application: Delaware, New Jersey, Kansas, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Washington, and West

Virginia. New York has a pilot underway in certain counties. On-line applications are a very promising option to facilitate enrollment in the program. Using this tool, individuals can apply for food stamps directly from a computer. Most applicants will likely have to visit the welfare office to finalize their application and to provide verification of their circumstances, but an on-line application helps them to initiate the process. Getting the process started earlier is important to low-income families — it can mean extra benefits and faster service. Eligible applicants receive benefits retroactive to their date of application and states must process applications consistent with the rules governing paper applications.

- **Eligibility screening tools** are available on ten state websites. New York has a pilot underway in Madison County. This tool asks users several questions about their income and household circumstances and, based on the responses, informs users of their potential eligibility for public benefits. Many eligible individuals do not know or believe that they qualify for food stamps and state-operated screening or self-assessment tools can be very powerful outreach tools to those dubious about their eligibility. Screening tools are most effective if questions are limited to the most pertinent eligibility issues and assist users with the answers rather than requiring users to fill in blank spaces.
- **Kansas's** screening tool is a good example of how to structure a short, easy-to-use tool. It is only one page long and for each question provides several answers from which to choose. Based on the information provided by the user, the Kansas screening tool provides a list of potential programs for which the user may be eligible, including food stamps, and a direct link to descriptive information about, and online applications for, those programs.
- **Benefit calculators** are available on 24 state websites (14 of these link to the USDA Benefit Calculator). Benefit calculators are similar to eligibility screening tools; however, they also provide users with an estimate of the amount of benefits for which they might qualify. In addition to the perception that they are not eligible, a major reason low-income individuals do not participate in the Food Stamp Program is they often believe (incorrectly) that they would only receive a low level of benefits. By giving interested individuals an estimate of their potential benefit amount, a benefit calculator addresses this misperception and helps the individual to assess whether applying for assistance would be worth the time and energy.

Benefit calculators necessarily have to ask more questions than screening tools, typically about a household's deductible expenses. Nevertheless, is important to strike a balance between brevity and detail to avoid both bogging down users in programmatic detail and misleading them by omitting pertinent eligibility criteria. One way to achieve this is to keep the calculator concise and to inform users that there are additional eligibility criteria that the state will have to screen for, such as immigration status. For intended users, the calculator could provide basic information about these additional criteria in a tone that encourages users to apply. Similarly, calculators can get overwhelming and cumbersome for users if they attempt to determine eligibility and benefit levels for numerous programs.

Wisconsin's food stamp benefit calculator asks for needed information using simple language. The final result, which can be printed, includes the information the user provided, an estimated benefit, and the location of the local office. The result also links to a printable application and a list of documents to bring to the office.

If a state is unable to develop its own benefit calculator, it can provide a link directly to the USDA Benefit Calculator in order to give potential food stamp recipients an approximation of the amount of food stamps that could be received. Fourteen states have chosen to provide this link. Missouri, for instance, highlights the link to USDA's tool on their website.

- **On-line policy manuals** are an additional tool offered on 47 state websites. Eight states offer a printable version of their manual which provides the detailed instructions to caseworkers on program rules and operations. Thirty-eight states created a web-based policy manual in the form of a searchable database. Providing a searchable manual helps to make state policies easy to locate and transparent to the public. For example, Illinois's policy manual includes a clear list of contents, a separate listing of new manual releases, and an easy-to-use search-engine that provides clear and detailed search results.

Another useful feature that some states offer is information about recent changes to the state's policy manual. Typically, the state posts policy memoranda to caseworkers that describe the changes. In many cases, these memos are difficult for non-experts to navigate because they are written in very technical language. Wisconsin provides a good example of how to make these memoranda, called "green sheets" in Wisconsin, more accessible to the public and potentially more useful to caseworkers. Each green sheet is structured in the same way. It explains the policy change in simple language, provides a rationale for the change, and outlines the differences between old and new policy. This makes it possible for individuals without technical knowledge to comprehend changes to state policies as well as why the changes were made.

- **Program information** varies on each state website. States generally offer at least some basic food stamp program information on their websites, including eligibility requirements and a description of how to apply for food stamps. Often times, however, these descriptions focus on the legislative history of the program or jump immediately to program restrictions rather than outline the program's purpose in helping low-income individuals and families or convey the state agency's service philosophy. What a state says about the Food Stamp Program on its web page sets a tone and conveys a message to the public about the agency's philosophy.

The Texas web page offers a strong example of a welcoming introduction to the program and the state agency that explains how each can help:

"Many Texans have trouble making ends meet each month. After paying for rent, utilities, transportation, and child care, there's often little left over to buy nutritious food. But it doesn't have to be that way. Each month, hundreds of thousands of families across the state turn to the Texas Department of Human Services (DHS) to receive help in the form of food stamps to help feed their families. Read on to learn how you can receive help if you qualify."

This introduction is followed by a number of questions and answers designed to address common concerns and provide important information. The information provided is similar in content to what many other states provide, but it is very easy to understand and it focuses on the program from the low-income individual's perspective rather than from a program operations perspective.

In addition to basic program information, 27 states offer office-locator tools such as maps and zip-code searches to help individuals locate their local community service office. For example, Oklahoma's website provides an office locator feature using a map of the state. Users click on the county where they live and the site provides the address, phone number, operating hours, and a picture of each county's welfare offices. Even a simple list of offices, organized by county, as 16 states provide, may be very helpful to prospective applicants.

Some states also provide additional administrative forms on their sites that are very useful for clients. Maryland, for example, provides printable versions of hearing request forms or forms to report changes in household circumstances. Normally, states provide these forms only at the local office. By making this type of paperwork available on the web, Maryland potentially reduces administrative burden on local office staff because clients can access the forms they need directly or seek the help of a community group to obtain and to complete the forms.

State Government Websites on the Food Stamp Program

Below is a listing of state government resources regarding the Food Stamp Program posted on the web. A comprehensive list of states resources available on all major low-income programs, see "Online Information About Key Low-Income Benefit Programs" can be found at <http://www.cbpp.org/1-14-04tanf.htm>.

There are several important caveats to consider when using this list. States are not consistent in their use of terms such as "policy manual." Furthermore, this list was not developed via a comprehensive survey of states and may not be complete. Please notify [Tina Marshall](#) at the Center to update or revise this listing.

ALABAMA — Department of Human Resources

Administrative Code

<http://www.alabamaadministrativecode.state.al.us/docs/hres/index.html>

Food Stamp Program Information and Application

<http://www.dhr.state.al.us/page.asp?pageid=159>

Food Stamp Application

http://www.dhr.state.al.us/large_docs/Food%20Stamp%20Application.PDF

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ALASKA — Division of Public Assistance

Food Stamp Program Manual

<http://dpaweb.hss.state.ak.us/main/manual/FSP/fsptoc1.htm>

Food Stamp Program Information, Program Eligibility Self-Assessment Tool, and Application

<http://www.hss.state.ak.us/dpa/programs/fstamps/>

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ARIZONA — Family Assistance Administration

Arizona Integrated Manual and Benefit Information Guide (Does not appear to be publicly accessible.)

<http://www.de.state.az.us/faa/aimbig.asp>

Food Stamp Program Information

<http://www.de.state.az.us/faa/food.asp>

Application for Cash Assistance, Food Stamps, and AHCCCS Health Insurance (in English and Spanish)

<http://www.de.state.az.us/faa/appcenter.asp>

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ARKANSAS — Department of Human Services

Food Stamp Certification Manual

http://www.accessarkansas.org/dhs/webpolicy/FSC_TOC.htm

Food Stamp Program Information and Application (in English and Spanish)

<http://www.state.ar.us/dhs/dco/OPPD/index.html#Food%20Stamp%20Program>

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CALIFORNIA — Department of Social Services

Manual of Policies and Procedures (scroll to bottom for Food Stamps)

http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/ord/CDSSManual_240.htm

Food Stamp Program Information, Link to USDA Benefit Calculator, and Application (in English, Chinese, Russian, Spanish, and Vietnamese)

<http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/foodstamps//>

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COLORADO — Department of Human Services

Food Stamps Policy Manual

[http://www.cdhs.state.co.us:8008/CDHS/rule_display\\$.DisplayVolume?p_vol_num=4](http://www.cdhs.state.co.us:8008/CDHS/rule_display$.DisplayVolume?p_vol_num=4)

Food Stamp Program Information

<http://www.cdhs.state.co.us/fap/FS/>

Food Stamp Application

<http://www.cdhs.state.co.us/fap/FS/food%20stamp%20app.htm>

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CONNECTICUT — Department of Social Services

Food Stamp Program Information (scroll down for Food Stamp)

<http://www.dss.state.ct.us/Dss.htm>

Food Stamp Application

English: <http://www.dss.state.ct.us/pubs/w-1food.pdf>

Spanish: <http://www.dss.state.ct.us/pubs/w-1foods.pdf>

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DELAWARE — Department of Health and Social Services

Food Stamp State Code:

<http://www.delcode.state.de.us/title31/c006/index.htm#TopOfPage>

Food Stamp Program Information

<http://www.state.de.us/dhss/dss/foodstamps.html>

Benefit calculator, on-line application, and printable application for assistance programs (in English and Spanish):

<http://www.state.de.us/dhss/dss/pubs.html>

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA — Department of Human Services

Local Office Information

<http://www.dhs.dc.gov/dhs/cwp/view,a,3,q,492404.asp>

<http://answersplease.dc.gov/answersplease/site/default.asp>

Food Stamp Application (in English and Spanish)

<http://www.dhs.dc.gov/dhs/cwp/view.asp?a=3&Q=568277&dhsNAV=|30980|>

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FLORIDA — Department of Health and Human Services

Economic Self-Sufficiency Program Policy Manual

<http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/publications/esspolicymanual/index.shtml>

Food Stamp Program Information

<http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/ess/foodstamps.shtml>

Program Eligibility Self-Assessment Tool

<http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/ess/prof1.shtml>

Food Stamp Application

http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/ess/cf_es_2066.pdf (in English)

http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/ess/cf_es_2066_esp.pdf (in Spanish)

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GEORGIA — Department of Family and Children Services

Food Stamp Program Information and Application

georgia.gov -- [Division of Children and Family Services \(DFCS\)](#) (in English)

georgia.gov - [Division of Family and Children Services \(DFCS\)](#) (in Spanish)

Food Stamp Application

http://dfcs.dhr.georgia.gov/DHR-DFCS/DHR-DFCS_CommonFiles/11279237FORM_297_rev01-03.pdf

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HAWAII — Department of Human Services

Food Stamp Administrative Rules

<http://www.state.hi.us/dhs/17-610.PDF>

Food Stamp Program Information

http://oahu-ces.hawaii.edu/food_stamps/progfacts.htm

On-line Application for Assistance Programs

https://www.realchoices.org/RCA_Forms/web/scripts/mergedata.asp?formname=DHS1240_FFv7.xft&aID=95E2C7C8-E795-4949-B992-DCB85AE4E87F&fid=514&preference=AUTO&type=n

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IDAHO — Department of Health and Welfare

Food Stamp Program Manual

<http://www2.state.id.us/adm/adminrules/rules/idapa16/0304.pdf>

Food Stamp Program Information

http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/portal/alias_Rainbow/lang_en-US/tabID_3413/DesktopDefault.aspx

Application for Assistance

http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Rainbow/Documents/app_benefits.pdf

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ILLINOIS — Department of Human Services

Administrative Code – Food Stamp Title

<http://163.191.134.21/docs/rules/dir/89-121.pdf>

Cash, Food Stamp, and Medical Manual

http://163.191.134.21/pm_contents1.htm

Food Stamp Program Information

<http://www.dhs.state.il.us/ts/fss/foodStamp.asp>

Link to Illinois Benefit Calculator, and Application (in Spanish and English)
http://www.dhs.state.il.us/ts/fss/dhs_foodStamps_fsai.asp

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INDIANA — Family and Social Services Administration

Program Policy Manual for Cash Assistance, Food Stamps, and Health Coverage
<http://www.in.gov/fssa/families/manual.html>

Food Stamp Program Information and link to Application (in English and Spanish)
<http://www.in.gov/fssa/families/stamps/index.html>

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IOWA — Department of Human Services

Food Stamp Policy Manual

<http://www.dhs.state.ia.us/policyanalysis/PolicyManualPages/IncomeMaint.htm#Food%20Stamps>

Food Stamp Program Information, Link to USDA Benefit Calculator and Application (in English and Spanish)

http://www.dhs.state.ia.us/dhs2005/dhs_homepage/financial_support/food_assistance/index.html

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KANSAS — Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services

Kansas Economic and Employment Support Manual

<http://www.srskansas.org/KEESM/KEESM.htm>

Food Stamp Program Information

http://srskansas.org/ISD/ees/food_stamps.htm

On-line Application and Self-Assessment Tool (English and Spanish)

<https://srits004.sr.state.ks.us/>

Printable Application (English and Spanish)

http://srskansas.org/ISD/ees/applications_main.html

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KENTUCKY — Cabinet for Families and Children

Food Stamp Operation Manual

http://manuals.chfs.ky.gov/dCBS_manuals/DFS/index_dfs.asp

Food Stamp Program Information and Application (in English and Spanish)

http://chfs.ky.gov/dCBS/dfs/Food+Stamps_EBT/

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LOUISIANA — Department of Social Services

Louisiana Social Services Regulations (see Subpart 3 for Food Stamps)

<http://www.state.la.us/osr/lac/67v01/67v01.pdf>

Program Information, Link to USDA Benefit Calculator, and Application

http://www.dss.state.la.us/departments/ofs/Food_Stamp_Program.html

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MAINE — Bureau of Family Independence

Food Stamp Certification Manual

<http://www.state.me.us/dhs/bfi/Food%20Stamps%20Manual.htm>

Food Stamp Program Information and Application

http://www.state.me.us/dhs/bfi/Food_Stamp.htm

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MARYLAND — Department of Human Resources

Food Stamp Manual

<http://63.236.98.116/stamp/manual/index.htm>

Food Stamp Program Information, Program Eligibility Self-Assessment Tool, and Application (in English, Russian and Spanish)

<http://www.dhr.state.md.us/how/cashfood/fstamp.htm>

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MASSACHUSETTS — Department of Transitional Assistance

Food Stamp Policy Manual

<http://www.mass.gov/portal/index.jsp?pageID=eohhs2subtopic&L=5&L0=Home&L1=Government&L2=Laws%2c+Regulations+and+Policies&L3=Department+of+Transitional+Assistance+Regulations&L4=106+CMR+360-367+Food+Stamps+Program&sid=Eeohhs2>

Food Stamp Program Information, Benefit Calculator, and Application (in English and Spanish)

http://www.mass.gov/portal/index.jsp?pageID=eohhs2terminal&L=4&L0=Home&L1=Consumer&L2=Basic+Needs&L3=Food+%26+Nutrition&sid=Eeohhs2&b=terminalcontent&f=dta_c_foodnut_foodstamps&csid=Eeohhs2

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MICHIGAN — Family Independence Agency

Policy and Procedures Manuals

<http://www.mfia.state.mi.us/olmweb/ex/html/>

Food Stamp Program Information and Application (in English and Spanish)

http://www.michigan.gov/fia/0,1607,7-124-5453_5527---,00.html

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MINNESOTA — Department of Human Services

TANF, FSP, GA Policy Manual

<http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/ECS/reguproc/cm/default.htm>

Food Stamp Program Information, Eligibility Screener, and Link to USDA Benefit Calculator

http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/groups/economic_support/documents/pub/dhs_id_002555.html

Food Stamp Application (in ten languages)

http://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfsrver/Public/SearchResults_DHS-3469

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MISSISSIPPI — Department of Human Services

Mississippi Code [Title 43—Public Welfare]

<http://www.mscode.com/free/statutes/43/>

Food Stamp Program Information

http://www.mdhs.state.ms.us/ea_fs.html

Food Stamp Application (in English and Spanish)

<http://www.mdhs.state.ms.us/agencyapps.htm>

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MISSOURI — Division of Family Services

Income Maintenance, Food Stamp, Child Care, Medical Assistance Manual

<http://www.dss.state.mo.us/dfs/iman/index.html>

Food Stamp Program Information, Link to USDA Benefit Calculator, and Application (in English and Spanish)

<http://www.dss.mo.gov/fsd/fstamp/index.htm>

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MONTANA — Department of Public Health and Human Services

Food Stamp Program Administrative Rules

<http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/legalresources/administrativerules/title37/chapter76.pdf>

Food Stamp Program Information

<http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/programsservices/foodstampprogramoverview.shtml>

Cash Assistance, Medical Assistance, and Food Stamps Application

<http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/formsapplications/foodstamp.pdf>

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NEBRASKA — Health and Human Services System

Food Stamp Rules and Regulations

<http://www.hhs.state.ne.us/reg/t475.htm>

Food Stamp Program Information and Application (in English and Spanish)

<http://www.hhs.state.ne.us/fia/fstamps.htm>

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NEVADA — Welfare Division

Food Stamps, Medical Programs, TANF Eligibility and Payments Manuals

http://www.welfare.state.nv.us/elig_pay/epm.htm

Food Stamp Program Information

http://welfare.state.nv.us/elig_pay/fs_home.htm

Link to Application (in English and Spanish)

http://welfare.state.nv.us/elig_pay/fs_info.htm#How%20to%20apply

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NEW HAMPSHIRE — Department of Health and Human Services

Food Stamp Manual

http://www.dhhs.state.nh.us/fsm_hm/whgdata/whlstt1.htm#1

Food Stamp Program Information

<http://www.dhhs.state.nh.us/DHHS/FOODSTAMPS/default.htm>

Eligibility Screening

<http://www2.dhhs.nh.gov/WiredWizard/default.asp>

Application for Assistance (in English, Spanish and Bosnian)

<http://www.dhhs.state.nh.us/DHHS/DFA/LIBRARY/Form/dfa-application.htm>

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NEW JERSEY — Division of Family Development

New Jersey Permanent Statute Database (Search under Title 44)

http://lis.njleg.state.nj.us/cgiin/om_isapi.dll?clientID=30686189&Depth=4&TD=WRAP&advquery=44%3a%201043&headingswithhits=on&infobase=statutes.nfo&rank=&record={117C1}&softpage=Doc_Frame_Pg42&wordsaroundhits=2&x=52&y=16&zz=

New Jersey Department of Human Services Rule Adoptions

<http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/Rules/ruleadoptions.html>

Food Stamp Program Information

<http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dfd/foodstamp.html>

Benefit Calculator, Online Application, and Printable Applications (English, Spanish, Arabic, Haitian Creole, Korean, Polish, Portuguese, Gujarati)

<http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dfd/FSapply.html>

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NEW MEXICO — Human Services Department

Food Stamp Regulations

<http://www.nmcpr.state.nm.us/nmac/title08/T08C139.htm>

Food Stamp Program Information

<http://www.state.nm.us/hsd/pdf/foodstamps.pdf>

Application for Assistance, English and Spanish (scroll down to “Income Support Programs”)

<http://www.state.nm.us/hsd/>

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NEW YORK — Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance

Food Stamp Source Book

<http://www.otda.state.ny.us/otda/fs/sourcebook/FSSB020205.pdf>

Food Stamp Program Information and Application (in English, Arabic, Chinese, Russian, Spanish)

http://www.otda.state.ny.us/otda/fs/fs_default.htm

Eligibility Screening and Online Application (Only for Madison County)

<https://www.madisoncountyfoodstamps.org/Prescreen.asp>

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NORTH CAROLINA — Department of Health and Human Services

Food Stamp Manual

<http://info.dhhs.state.nc.us/olm/manuals/dss/ei-30/man/index.htm>

Food Stamp Program Information and link to USDA Benefit Calculator

<http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dss/foodstamp/index.htm>

Food Stamp Application

<http://info.dhhs.state.nc.us/olm/forms/dss/dss-8207-ia.pdf>

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NORTH DAKOTA — Department of Human Services

Food Stamp Policy Manual

<http://www.state.nd.us/robo/projects/foodstamp/foodstamp.htm>

Food Stamp Program Information, Links to Benefit Calculator, and Application

<http://www.state.nd.us/humanservices/services/financialhelp/foodstamps.html>

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OHIO — Department of Job and Family Services

Food Stamp State Plan

<http://jfs.ohio.gov/ofam/fsStateplan.stm>

Food Stamp Program Information

<http://jfs.ohio.gov/factsheets/foodstamps.pdf>

Link to USDA Benefit Calculator

<http://jfs.ohio.gov/OFam/foodstamps.stm>

Link to Food Stamp Application (in English, Spanish, and Somali)

<http://jfs.ohio.gov/ofam/cmandfsa.stm>

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OKLAHOMA — Family Support Services Division

Food Stamp Program Manual

<http://www.policy.okdhs.org/ch50/>

Food Stamp Program Information, Link to USDA Benefit Calculator, and Application (in English and Spanish; scroll down)

<http://www.okdhs.org/fssd/ProgramInformation.htm#Food%20Stamps>

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OREGON — Department of Human Services, Adult and Family Services Division

Family Services Manual (including Food Stamps)

http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/selfsufficiency/em_firstpage.htm

Food Stamp Program Information, Benefit Calculator, and Application (in English, Spanish, Russian, and Vietnamese)

<http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/assistance/foodstamps/foodstamps.shtml>

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PENNSYLVANIA — Department of Public Welfare

Food Stamp Handbook

<http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/oimpolicymanuals/manuals/bop/fs/Table%20of%20Contents.htm>

Food Stamp Program Information

<http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/LowInc/FoodStamps/003670291.htm>

Online Application and Benefit Calculator for Food Stamps and Other Programs (in English and Spanish)

<https://www.humanservices.state.pa.us/COMPASS/PGM/ASP/SC001.asp>

Food Stamp Application

<http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/Resources/Documents/Pdf/FillInForms/oimPA600FSO.pdf>

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RHODE ISLAND — Department of Human Services

Rhode Island Department of Human Services Code of Rules

<http://www.ridhscode.org/1000.htm>

Food Stamp Program Information

<http://www.dhs.ri.gov/dhs/adults/fsadult.htm>

Eligibility Screening and Links to Applications (in English and Spanish)

<http://www.ridhseligscreening.org/English/home.cfm##>

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SOUTH CAROLINA — Department of Social Services

Code of Regulations (Scroll Down to Article 13)

http://www.scstatehouse.net/cgi-bin/query2003.exe?first=DOC&querytext=department%20of%20social%20services&category=Regs&conid=992817&result_pos=0&keyval=227&printornot=N

Food Stamp Program Information, Benefit Calculator, and Application (all in English and Spanish)

http://www.healthyhelpings.org/food_stamp.htm

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SOUTH DAKOTA — Department of Social Services

Food Stamp Certification Policy Manual

<http://www.state.sd.us/social/FoodStamps/Manual/index.htm>

Food Stamp Program Information, Link to USDA Benefit Calculator, and Application

<http://www.state.sd.us/social/FoodStamps/index.htm>

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TENNESSEE — Department of Human Services

Rules of the Tennessee Department of Human Services

<http://www.state.tn.us/sos/rules/1240/1240-01/1240-01.htm>

Food Stamp Manual

<http://www.state.tn.us/humanserv/foodstamps.htm#manuals>

Food Stamp Program Information, Link to USDA Benefit Calculator, and Application (in English and Spanish)

<http://www.state.tn.us/humanserv/foodstamps.htm>

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TEXAS — Health and Human Services Commission

Texas Administrative Code

http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtacSext.ViewTAC?tac_view=4&ti=1&pt=15&ch=372

Food Stamp Program Information

<http://www.dhs.state.tx.us/programs/FoodStamps/FoodStampFAQ.html>

Eligibility Screening and Application for TANF, Medicaid, and Food Stamps (in English and Spanish)

<http://www.dhs.state.tx.us/Forms/Form1010.html>

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UTAH — Department of Workforce Services

Food Stamp Manual

http://sitedir.state.ut.us/om_nsapi.oms?clientID=8114832&infobase=FS.nfo&softpage=Browse_Frame_Pg42

Food Stamp Program Information and Link to Application (in English and Spanish)

<http://jobs.utah.gov/services/foodstamp/food.asp>

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VERMONT — Department of Prevention, Assistance, Transition, and Health Access

Vermont Statutes (Food Stamp Program)

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/statutes/fullsection.cfm?Title=33&Chapter=017&Section=01701>

Food Stamp Program Information and Application

http://www.path.state.vt.us/Programs_Pages/Food%20stamps/Food%20Stamps.htm

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VIRGINIA — Department of Social Services

Food Stamp Program Manual

http://www.dss.state.va.us/text/benefit/fs_manual.html

Food Stamp Program Information and Program Eligibility Self-Assessment Tool

<http://www.dss.state.va.us/text/benefit/foodstamp.html>

Application for Assistance

English: <http://www.dss.state.va.us/form/pdf/032-03-875.pdf>

Spanish: http://www.dss.state.va.us/form/pdf/032_23_824.pdf

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WASHINGTON — Department of Social and Health Services

Cash, Food, and Medical Assistance Eligibility Manual

<http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/esa/eazmanual/>

Eligibility A-Z Manual

http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/esa/eazmanual/Sections/PS_FedFoodAssist.htm

Eligibility Assessment

<http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/ESA/TEC/>

Food Stamp Program Information, Online Application, and Printable Application (in Arabic, Bosnian, Cambodian, Chinese, English, Farsi, Korean, Laotian, Punjabi, Russian, Somali, Spanish, Tagalog, Ukrainian, and Vietnamese)

https://wvs2.wa.gov/dshs/onlineco/Food_Assistance_Program.asp

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WEST VIRGINIA — Office of Family Support

Income Maintenance Manual

http://www.wvdhhr.org/bcf/family_assistance/policy.asp

Food Stamp Program Information

http://www.wvdhhr.org/bcf/family_assistance/fs.asp

Benefit Calculator and Online Application

<https://www.wvinroads.org/>

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WISCONSIN — Department of Health and Family Services

Food Stamp Handbook

<http://www.emhandbooks.wi.gov/fsh/>

Food Stamp Program Information, Benefit Calculator, and Application (in English, Hmong, Russian, and Spanish)

<http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/foodstamps/index.htm>

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WYOMING — Department of Family Services

Child Care, Food Stamp, Medical and POWER (TANF) Combined Policy Manual

<http://www.thresholdcomputer.net/dfs/training.htm>

Food Stamp Program Information, Link to USDA Benefit Calculator, and Application

<http://dfsweb.state.wy.us/foodstampinfo.html>

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