



Elderly Simplified Application Project (ESAP) for SNAP

ESAP makes applying for SNAP easier for seniors. Your household might qualify for a **3-year certification period** if all eligible members are 60+ and do not have earnings.

Individuals must still report:

1. Changes in household composition.
2. If a household member receives earned income during the certification period.
3. Lottery and gambling winnings over \$4,250.

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What to know before you apply



Most households must have **gross** income below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) to qualify for SNAP. Seniors who have high shelter or medical expenses may be eligible for SNAP if their **net** income is below 100% FPL.



Seniors can deduct their medical expenses from their net income. Doing this can increase the amount of SNAP benefits they are eligible for.

To apply, call 855-635-4370 or visit CommonHelp.virginia.gov.



Seniors with more than \$35 a month in medical expenses can take a \$200 standard medical deduction.

Medical expenses include:

- Health insurance & Medicare premiums.
- Medical & dental care.
- Cost of transportation to get medical treatment.
- Cost of maintaining a home health care aide.
- Others.

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