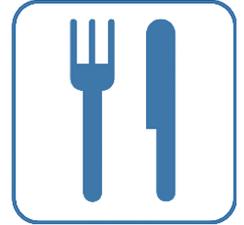


ESAP

ELDERLY SIMPLIFIED APPLICATION PROGRAM

The Elderly Simplified Application Program (ESAP) is part of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). SNAP, now ESAP, increases the food purchasing power for eligible households. The program was launched in Virginia on **March 1, 2022**.



ESAP focuses on persons who are **60 years of age or older**.

Benefits of ESAP >

- There is a 3-year eligibility period. Rather than the usual 12-month certification, ESAP households will have a 36-month certification. ESAP households will not be subject to interim reporting.
- There is a simplified application involving fewer questions.
- The process has been simplified – as local department of social services workers will use the pertinent information available to them. Participants will verify any unclear or questionable information.

ESAP Requirements >

- All household members must be 60 years of age or older.
- If the benefited individual lives with others who are not applying with them - they are required to buy and eat food separately from everyone else.
- No household member may be working.

All program participants must report if they get a job, if anyone moves in or out of the household unit, or if they receive gambling or lottery winnings of \$3,750 or more. These situations may impact eligibility.

If you think an older Virginian may be eligible for, but not receiving SNAP benefits, encourage them to:

Option 1: [Screen for eligibility and/or apply online through CommonHelp](#)

Option 2: Bypass eligibility screening and submit an application manually. Fill out an "*Application for Benefits*" from the forms section on this page and return it to our [local department of social services](#).

Option 3: Apply via phone by calling the Enterprise Call Center **1-855-635-4370**.

You can learn more about SNAP benefits on the DSS website [here](#).