

P-EBT: The Wind Down, Last Chance To Recover Unpaid Benefits

As part of the post-COVID era wind down, the State of California must resolve the Pandemic EBT program claims by September 30, 2023.

Recognizing that not all eligible school and pre-school children and their families received their P-EBT benefit cards got PEBT 1.0*, PEBT 2.0, and PEBT 3.0, CDSS has issued guidance encouraging parents and caretakers of pre-school and school-aged children (K - 12) to take steps to get these cards to eligible children as possible as possible. The goal is to get these resources to families who have missed out on one of the success stories of the otherwise tragic Covid Era.

Eligibility: The basic rule is that children who were participants in the “free or reduced price” student school meals program as of the following specified dates, are eligible for unpaid benefits.

School Year (SY) 2019 -2020: Per CDSS guidance children who left school enrollment or attendance **on or after January 27, 2020** because of concerns about COVID must provide a formal statement or declaration (or written proof of eligibility) stating the name of the public school, home schooled pupil or private virtual school pupil qualified for participation in the National School Lunch or School Breakfast program. **See Attachment #1, General Declaration/Statement of Eligibility on Page 2 and3 of this document.**

SY 2020 - 2021 and SY 2021-2022 and SY 2022-2023: In addition to school-aged children for this year P-EBT 2.0 and thereafter has Special Eligibility Rules for Preschool aged children, *who were 6 years old or younger and enrolled in pre-school or early childhood education programs as of School Year 2020-2021 through School Year 2022-2023.* For more information see: <https://www.cdss.ca.gov/home/pandemic-ebt>

If you require further assistance contact CCWRO staff D. Macklin at tlk2014dlm@gmail.com

* Please note that young children (6 and under) were only approved for P-EBT for the P-EBT 2.0 program and its subsequent versions.

Also review **this website:** <https://capandemic-ebt.org/>

Attachment #1***PEBT Eligible ChildParent/Guardian Statement***

I, _____ declare and affirm under the laws of the state of California that
[name of parent or guardian]

the following statements are true and correct:

- a. I am the parent or guardian of these minor children:

Name(s) of children;

- b. Identify the school the child/ren attended as of January 27, 2020 or where they would have attended as a Kindergarten through 12th grade student as of SY 2020- 2021; SY 2021-2022; SY 2022-2023,

- c. The child/ren qualified for Free or Reduced Priced meals through the National School Lunch or School Breakfast program at

[name of child,] [name of school] [name of school district]

- d. The child/children were during the time period January 27, 2020 through May 30, 2023

(1) Included in a CalFresh household in [name of county]; or

(2) Participating in a Food distribution Program on an Indian Reservation under case number _____; or

(3) Attended a public school that currently operates a student demonstration project per a provision of the Community Eligibility Provisions #1 or #2.

- e. Proof of the child/children's identity is provided through

- (1) Birth certificate
- (2) Immigration/naturalization documents
- (3) Hospital birth records
- (4) Passports
- (5) School or work identification
- (6) Health benefit card
- (7) Tax forms with dependent information

A copy of the document used is attached to this statement.

I, _____
Name of Parent or Guardian

Declare that the foregoing statements are true and correct under the perjury laws
Of the state of California.

Executed this _____ day of August 2023 at _____
Name of City and/or County

California.

Signature of Parent/Guardian.