

Division of Benefit Programs

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

SNAP benefits help you buy nutritious food, seeds or plants for your household.

It's easy to apply!

Online: commonhelp.virginia.gov



Call: 1-833-552-5582

Visit: your Local Department of Social Services

- » SNAP can be used in grocery stores and online.
- » Can also purchase fresh, nutritious food at farmers markets that accept EBT



SNAP benefits are issued electronically to eligible households on a card

similar to a debit card to use at authorized retailers to buy food.



This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



Am I eligible?

View the most current household income limits chart on our website.



Additional information about SNAP

is available at: www.dss.virginia.gov/snap



You may **not** use SNAP benefits to buy:

alcoholic beverages, tobacco, soap, paper products or other nonfood items or already prepared hot food at the store.



Households Served: Over 6,800

Individuals Served: Over 12,000
(approximately 36% of population)

Benefits Issued: More than \$26.7 million

Replacements Issued: More than \$151,000

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

The TANF program provides a temporary, monthly cash payment to families with eligible children living in their home to help meet their basic needs.



Who is eligible?

Households with eligible children.

Eligible children must be:



- » Under the age of 18
- or if 18 years old, they must be enrolled and attending a secondary school or vocational/technical school of secondary equivalency and meeting the enrollment and attendance requirements as determined by the local school board.



- » Living in the home of a parent or other relative, or is in foster care (under certain conditions).



- » A Virginia resident.



- » A U.S. citizen or eligible immigrant.

- » Part of a family in need of financial assistance.

What assistance programs fall under TANF?

THE VIRGINIA INITIATIVE FOR EDUCATION AND WORK (VIEW)

program promotes economic independence through participation in employment-related activities, education, training and supportive services to enable families with eligible children to become self-sufficient.

THE FULL EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (FEP)

is a subsidized employment program designed to help VIEW participants become more self-sufficient by earning a living wage and increasing work skills.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

may be provided to needy families with children who are eligible for, or are receiving, TANF when the family has an immediate need resulting from a natural disaster or fire, or to assist with eviction prevention.

THE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES - UNEMPLOYED PARENT (TANF-UP)

program helps families with two able-bodied parents in the household.

DIVERSIONARY ASSISTANCE

benefits help prevent potential TANF recipients from becoming ongoing TANF recipients.



To learn more about TANF and other assistance programs, visit: www.dss.virginia.gov/tanf



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Households Served: Nearly 300

Individuals Served: Over 700

Funds Issued: Over \$1.3 million

Households Served: Over 12,000

Individual Enrollees: Over 19,000
(approximately 57% of population)

Families and Children
Expansion (Able Bodied Adults)
Age, Blind & Disabled
Long Term Care Services & Support



Medical Assistance Programs (MA)
Medicaid provides medical coverage for eligible individuals and families.

MA includes various programs covering: prescription drugs, dental, doctor visits, hospital care, and long-term services

Plan First offers limited coverage for family planning services.

MA aims to improve health by providing necessary medical care.

It's available for children under 19, pregnant women, adults 19-64, and adults 65 and older, as well as blind or disabled individuals according to Social Security Administration standards.

Learn more at
dss.virginia.gov/benefit/medical_assistance
and coverva.dmas.virginia.gov.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION
VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
COVER VIRGINIA
Connecting Virginians to Affordable Health Insurance

Icons: person with cane, pharmacy, hospital, pregnant woman, family, information, plus sign, document.



AUXILIARY GRANT PROGRAM

A state income supplement for individuals who are aged, blind or disabled

Auxiliary Grant (AG) Settings:

- Assisted Living Facilities (ALFs)
- Adult Foster Care Housing (AFCH)
- AG Supportive Housing (AGSH)

Providers who accept Auxiliary Grant are:

- ALFs licensed by the Virginia Department of Social Services, Division of Licensing Programs
- AFCH are locally certified by the Local Department of Social Services (LDSS) limited locations
- AGSH are certified Supportive Housing providers through the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) located in Southwest Virginia

To Apply for AG Assistance:

Contact the local Department of Social Services agency in the locality in which the applicant lives now or lived in prior to entering any type of facility.

 www.dss.virginia.gov/localagency/index.cgi

About Us

The Auxiliary Grant (AG) Program is a collaborative effort between Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) and the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) and locally administered by the Local Departments of Social Services (LDSS).

Contact DARS for general program information:

 804-662-7000

 www.dars.virginia.gov/dcl/AuxGrants.htm

Approved Aged, Blind or Disabled individuals residing in an Assisted Living Facility, Adult Foster Care Housing or AG Supportive Housing Served: 60



Energy Assistance Program (EAP)

If you are low-income and need assistance with your energy bills, VDSS has the EAP.

Fuel, Crisis, and Cooling Assistance



Fuel Assistance can help supplement your home energy costs and accepts applications from the second Tuesday in October to the second Friday in November.



Crisis Assistance helps with

energy-related emergencies and accepts applications from November 1 to March 15.



Find out if you are eligible

for these programs at:

dss.virginia.gov/benefit/ea



Cooling Assistance helps

you acquire or repair cooling equipment and/or pay electric bills to operate cooling equipment and accepts applications from June 15 to August 15.




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Cooling Assistance began June 15 and will run through August 15.

559 Cooling applications have been preapproved through automated process



Do You Need Help Paying Your Electric Bill?



The Percentage of Income Payment Program (PIPP) May Be Able to Help!

*PIPP helps Dominion Energy customers with household income less than 150% of the federal poverty guidelines to maintain their Dominion Energy electric service by making payments based on their household income instead of their utility bill amount. **PIPP makes monthly payments more affordable on a year-round basis.***

A PIPP participant's monthly electric service payment is the greater of:

- » 10% of gross monthly household income when the household has electricity as their primary heat source or
- » 6% of gross monthly household income when the household does not have electricity as their primary heat source.

Note: PIPP participants must make a minimum payment of \$10 on their monthly electric service.

Each time a customer makes the required PIPP monthly installment on time and in full, the customer:

- » Avoids new utility debt **and**
- » Reduces old utility debt.

Dominion Energy Customer Service staff can discuss your account and any existing payment plans to help you determine if you should apply for PIPP.

You may apply for PIPP by:

- » Completing an online application at commonhelp.virginia.gov/access.
- » Submitting a paper application to your local department of social services.

CommonHelp Steps For Application

1. Click Get Started.
2. Click Apply for All Benefit Programs.
3. Click New to CommonHelp? Click [here](#) to create an account.
4. Fill out fields to create an account and click Submit.
5. Log in.
6. Click Start New Application.



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804-726-7000

Percentage of Income Payment Plan through Dominion Energy Households served: 716

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