

Department of Human Services
Division of Family Development

Advance Notice

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) / Work First New Jersey (WFNJ)
Amendments Concerning Families First Card Replacements

To Whom It May Concern:

The New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development intends to amend the Families First Program regulations at N.J.A.C. 10:88. Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) cards will incorporate EMV microchips to reduce the incidence of electronic benefit theft. Incorporating this feature will result in all Families First Cards being reissued and an increased cost to replace each card. The proposed amendments are intended to partially offset this cost while continuing to assist clients with a no-cost replacement. Currently, WFNJ and SNAP recipients may receive a total of two no-cost replacements for the life of the case. The Division intends to provide one no-cost replacement per year. For each additional replacement card, clients would be required to pay an amount not to exceed the actual cost charged to the Division by the EBT card vendor instead of the current replacement fee of \$2.00. Notice of actual amounts will be given by public notice.

Interested parties may submit informal comments on this advance notice within thirty (30) days of its publication on the Department of Human Services' website. Please submit your informal comments to:

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You will also have a 60-day opportunity to submit formal comments on any actual proposed amendments subsequent to the publication of such proposal in the New Jersey Register. Such proposal will also be published on the Department of Human Services' website.