Minnesota Public Assistance Programs

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Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

SNAP helps people pay for groceries.

It is a federal program.

It serves:

• Seniors
• People with disabilities
• Families with children
• Working-age adults without children
Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP)

This program provides income support, food benefits, and employment services to families with children in deep poverty.

Program rules include:

- Work requirements
- Time limits of no more than 5 years assistance over a parent’s lifetime.
Both programs serve low-wage workers

They are concentrated in the following industries:

• Hotels/restaurants
• Temp Agencies
• Retail
• Health care and social services
Earnings and Eligibility

SNAP

The annual income limit for a family of three is $34,296/year.

MFIP

The annual earned income limit for a family of three is $26,784/year.
Most SNAP/MFIP families do not receive Child Support

Proportion of SNAP Families Receiving Child Support
- 29% receive Child Support
- 71% do NOT receive Child Support

Proportion of MFIP Families Receiving Child Support
- 18% receive Child Support
- 82% do NOT receive Child Support
Most MFIP families do not get housing subsidies

Proportion of Families Receiving Both MFIP and Federal Housing Subsidies

- 75% do NOT receive federal housing subsidies
- 25% receive federal housing subsidies

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Most people don’t rely on benefits for a long time

**SNAP**

Half of all new SNAP participants leave the program within 10 months nationwide

**MFIP**

42% of all new applicants use MFIP once for 12 months or less
How many eligible people does each program reach?

**SNAP**
- 83% of eligible people receive SNAP
- 17% of eligible people do NOT receive SNAP

**MFIP**
- 53% of families in poverty NOT served by MFIP
- 47% of families in poverty served by MFIP
Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) – Eligibility

• A family of 3 must earn less than $3,288/month to initially qualify for CCAP
  • Ineligible at redetermination if income exceeds $4,687/month for family of 3

• Parents must be in activity (work, school, etc.)

• Parents must cooperate with Child Support

• Children eligible through age 12 (age 14 if special needs)
## Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) – Subprograms

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Most MFIP families don’t receive CCAP

Proportion of MFIP Families Receiving CCAP

- 32% of MFIP Families Receive CCAP
- 68% of MFIP Families do NOT Receive CCAP
Families on the Basic Sliding Fee waiting list

Number of Families on Waiting List

- Jul-16
- Sep-16
- Nov-16
- Jan-17
- Mar-17
- May-17
- Jul-17
- Sep-17
- Nov-17
- Jan-18
- Mar-18
- May-18
- Jul-18
- Sep-18
Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) – Payments

• Parents choose a child care provider who accepts CCAP
  • Licensed family, licensed center, certified center, and legal nonlicensed providers

• Payments are made directly to child care providers for eligible children
  • CCAP pays the provider’s charge or the maximum rate, whichever is less
  • Maximum rates vary by provider location, provider type, age of child, and unit (hourly, daily or weekly)

• Parents pay a copay to provider. Copay amount is based on income and family size.

• Providers may also charge the parent for charges not covered by the CCAP payment.
Thank You!

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