



December 2018 update

Mandatory to voluntary: On Dec. 1, 2018, Minnesota transitioned to an all-voluntary program for SNAP Employment and Training. As shared in the September Quarterly Update, this exempts all work registrants, including able-bodied adults without dependents, from mandatory participation in SNAP Employment and Training. Unless an able-bodied adult without dependents meets work provisions, regains eligibility or meets a work registration exemption, they will still be eligible for SNAP for only three months in any 36-month period. There has been no change to the Banked Months guidance as a result of this policy change.

Provider handbook: SNAP Employment and Training staff shared an updated version of the Provider Handbook for contracted partners via email in December 2018. The handbook will be posted on the [SNAP Employment and Training website](#) in the coming months.

SNAP Employment and Training state plan: The Food and Nutrition Service approved Minnesota's Federal Fiscal Year 2019 State Plan. The Minnesota Department of Human Services has submitted a request for additional 100 percent funding, and will notify all counties if additional funding becomes available.

Provider map: The Minnesota Department of Human Services and the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development are working to develop an interactive SNAP Employment and Training map highlighting Department of Human Services-contracted providers, contact information and trainings provided. The map provides a platform for connecting SNAP recipients, counties and contracted providers. More information to come.

Coordination workgroup: The SNAP Employment and Training Coordination Workgroup continues to meet the third Thursday of each month from 9-11 a.m. at Goodwill-Easter Seals. For 2019, the workgroup has an updated format and includes mentoring and training opportunities. The schedule is as follows:

- Thursday, Jan. 17 – MAXIS Q&A*
- Thursday, Feb. 21 – WF1 Q&A/Mentor Meetings
- Thursday, March 21 – Coordination Workgroup
- Thursday, April 18 – MAXIS Q&A*
- Thursday, May 16 – WF1 Q&A/Mentor Meetings
- Thursday, June 20 – Coordination Workgroup
- Thursday, July 18 – MAXIS Q&A*

Thursday, Aug. 15 – WF1 Q&A/Mentor Meetings

Thursday, Sept. 19 – Coordination Workgroup

Thursday, Oct. 17 – MAXIS Q&A*

Thursday, Nov. 21 – TBD

Thursday, Dec. 19 – Canceled due to holidays

*To attend the MAXIS Q&A meeting dates, you need to have MAXIS Inquiry access. Those without this access will be asked to leave due to data privacy concerns.

If interested in attending, contact Ashley Snyder at ashley.snyder@state.mn.us.