Bergen County Board of Social Services Our Programs and How to Apply

Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP - "Food Stamps")

SNAP, previously known as the Food Stamp Program, is intended to assist eligible families or individuals with meeting their nutritional needs by supplementing their available income. Funds are issued monthly on an Electronic Benefit Transfer card (EBT) to be used at any supermarket and most smaller grocery stores. Applicants can have anywhere from zero income to 185% of the Federal Poverty level and still qualify for a benefit.

Applications can be taken online at https://oneapp.dhs.state.nj.us/, at our office, at an outreach site or interested parties can call our customer service line at (201) 368-4200 and request a paper application to return to our agency.

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)/General Assistance (GA)

The TANF/GA program is designed to assist very low income families with minor children or single adults/childless couples get back on the path of self-sufficiency. Eligible families, individuals and couples will receive a monthly cash grant, issued on an Electronic Benefit Card. Those who qualify will be eligible to apply for Temporary Rental Assistance and for Child Care assistance, if applicable.

Applications can be taken online at https://oneapp.dhs.state.nj.us/, at our office or interested parties can call our Customer Service line at (201) 368-4200 and request a paper application to return to our agency.

Medicaid Programs

The BCBSS administers several Medicaid programs for Bergen County residents. NJ Familycare Medicaid for families. Affordable Care Act (ACA) Medicaid for adults without minor children. Aged, Blind and Disabled (ABD) Medicaid for long term disabled or 65 years of age or older couples or individuals. Nursing Home Medicaid is available to those whom are institutionalized.

Applications for NJ Familycare, ACA Medicaid and ABD Medicaid can be completed online at http://www.njfamilycare.org. Nursing Home Medicaid benefits require a paper application. Paper applications for all Medicaid programs can be received at our office or by calling our Customer Service line at (201) 368-4200.

Additional information about these programs can be found at our website, <u>www.bcbss.com</u>, by calling our customer service line at (201) 368-4200 or coming to our agency.

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