



**Department of Health and Social Services
Division of Public Assistance**

Office Use Only

ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

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|---------------------------|
| D.O. Date Rec'd _____ |
| Fee Agent _____ |
| Date Rec'd _____ |
| Fee Agent Signature _____ |

Check Box for All Programs Due for Review

- SNAP Adult Public Assistance Temporary Assistance Medicaid Senior Benefits

NOTE: You need to complete only one review form for all programs that are due for review this month.

Be sure the form is complete and remember to sign the acknowledgment and statement of truth at #18 to avoid processing delays. If you need more space for any answer, use another piece of paper. Please print clearly.

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|---|----------------------|-------------------|
| Name | | Case Number |
| Mailing Address | | |
| Residence Address (if different from mailing address) | | |
| Home Phone Number | Message Phone Number | Work Phone Number |
| Is English your first language? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If English is not your first language, do you speak, read, and write English with sufficient proficiency to understand and properly fill out this application? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | |

HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION:

1. List all persons who live with you and use legal names. List yourself first.

**Disclosure of your Race and Ethnicity information is voluntary and will not affect your eligibility or level of benefits. This information will be used to assure that program benefits are distributed without regard to race, color or national origin.*

| Name (First M I Last) | Relation to You If not related write NR. | Date of Birth | Is this person a full-time or part-time member of your household? Circle the answer. If part-time, what percentage of time does this person reside with you? | Social Security Number | US Citizen? Yes/No | Race | Ethnic Group |
|--|---|---------------|--|------------------------|---|----------------------------|--------------|
| | | | | | | Optional - Use codes below | |
| | Self | | N/A | | | | |
| | | | Full-time / Part-time ___% | | | | |
| | | | Full-time / Part-time ___% | | | | |
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| | | | Full-time / Part-time ___% | | | | |
| Race: (You may select more than one race) AN = Alaska Native WH = White BL = Black or African American AI = American Indian AS = Asian PI = Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander | | | | | Ethnicity: Y = Hispanic or Latino N = Not Hispanic or Latino | | |

Do you plan to file a federal income tax return NEXT YEAR?

- YES.** If yes, please answer questions a – c. **NO.** If no, skip to question c.

a. Will you file jointly with a spouse? Yes No

If yes, name of spouse: _____

b. Will you claim any dependents on your tax return? Yes No

If yes, list names of dependents: _____

c. Will you be claimed as a dependent on someone's tax return? Yes No

If yes, please list the name of the tax filer: _____

How are you related to the tax filer? _____

Is anyone in your household pregnant? Yes No

If yes, who? Due date? _____

Is anyone in your household attending postsecondary education at a college or university? Yes No

If yes, who? _____

Has anyone in your household received assistance from the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) in Alaska or any other state? Yes No

If yes, who and when? _____

Have you or any member of your household been convicted of making a false statement about where they live in order to receive assistance from two or more states at the same time? Yes No

Have you or any member of your household been convicted of possession, use, or distribution of a controlled substance after August 22, 1996? Yes No If yes, please answer questions a – d.

a. Are they satisfactorily serving or successfully completed a period of probation or parole? Yes No

b. Are they in the process of serving or successfully completed mandatory participation in a drug or alcohol treatment program? Yes No

c. Have they taken action towards rehabilitation, including participation in a drug or alcohol treatment program? Yes No

d. Are they successfully complying with the requirements of their re-entry plan? Yes No

Are you or any member of your household fleeing from prosecution, custody, or confinement for a felony or class A misdemeanor from any State, or currently violating conditions of parole or probation? Yes No

Have you or any member of your household been convicted of trading SNAP benefits for drugs after September 22, 1996? Yes No

Have you or any member of your household been convicted of fraudulently receiving duplicate SNAP benefits in any State after September 22, 1996? Yes No

Have you or any member of your household been convicted of buying or selling SNAP benefits over \$500 after September 22, 1996? Yes No

Have you or any member of your household been convicted of trading SNAP benefits for guns, ammunitions, or explosives after September 22, 1996? Yes No

Have you or any member of your household been convicted of aggravated sexual abuse, murder, sexual exploitation and abuse of children, or sexual assault on or after February 7, 2014? Yes No If yes, please answer a & b.

a. Are they serving or have successfully completed a period of probation or parole? Yes No

b. Are they successfully complying with the requirements of their re-entry plan? Yes No

ASSETS INFORMATION:

2. List all vehicles owned or being purchased by you or anyone in your household. *Include cars, trucks, boats, motorcycles, RVs, ATVs, snowmobiles, etc.*

| Owner's Name | Type of Vehicle | Model / Year | How Used? | Amount Owed | Current Value |
|--------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------|-------------|---------------|
| | | | | \$ | \$ |
| | | | | \$ | \$ |
| | | | | \$ | \$ |
| | | | | \$ | \$ |

3. List any houses, cabins, property, stocks, bonds, or other assets you or anyone in your household owns or is buying. List any life insurance policies or burial accounts or policies you or anyone in your household owns, and the current cash value of the account or policy.

| Owner | Type of Property/Asset | Value | Owner | Type of Property/Asset | Value |
|-------|------------------------|-------|-------|------------------------|-------|
| | | \$ | | | \$ |
| | | \$ | | | \$ |
| | | \$ | | | \$ |
| | | \$ | | | \$ |

4. List how much money you or anyone in your household has in cash and bank accounts. Include trust and ABLE accounts. *Please provide a copy of your most recent bank statement for each account.*

| Name(s) on Account | Name of Bank/Credit Union & Branch | Account Number | Balance |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|---------|
| | | | \$ |
| | | | \$ |
| | | | \$ |
| | | | \$ |
| | | | \$ |
| | Cash on Hand | | \$ |

5. List anyone in your household who belongs to a Native Corporation.

| Shareholder Name | Native Corporation | Shares Owned | Amount/Date of Last Dividend |
|------------------|--------------------|--------------|------------------------------|
| | | | |
| | | | |
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| | | | |

6. Do you or anyone who lives with you own a commercial fishing permit or IFQ (Individual Fishing Quota)?

Yes No

If yes, Permit/IFQ Number

Value

MONEY RECEIVED INFORMATION:

7. Complete if you or anyone in your household is working. *Please provide your most recent pay stubs or a work statement completed by your employer. If self-employed, attach proof of income and expenses.*

| Person Employed | Employer | Hours Worked | Hourly Wage | How often paid? |
|-----------------|----------|--------------|-------------|-----------------|
| | | per week | | |
| | | per week | | |
| | | per week | | |
| | | per week | | |
| | | per week | | |

Will anyone's job, wages or hours of work change soon? Yes No If yes, please explain.

8. List any other money you or anyone in your household receives. *Include Social Security, SSI, BIA, VA, retirement, unemployment insurance, Worker's Compensation, Native assistance, child support, cash gifts, annuities, etc.*

| Who Receives | Income Source | Amount | Who Receives | Income Source | Amount |
|--------------|---------------|--------|--------------|---------------|--------|
| | | \$ | | | \$ |
| | | \$ | | | \$ |
| | | \$ | | | \$ |
| | | \$ | | | \$ |

Do you expect any changes to your income? Yes No If yes, please explain.

Does anyone work in exchange for food, shelter, utilities, etc.? Yes No If yes, please explain.

HOUSEHOLD EXPENSE INFORMATION:

9. Complete if you or anyone in your household has any of these monthly expenses. *Please provide proof of the obligated monthly rent amount, utility costs, and yearly property tax and insurance amounts.*

| Expense Type | Monthly Amount | Expense Type | Monthly Amount | Expense Type | Monthly Amount |
|-------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| Rent/ Mortgage | \$ | Telephone | \$ | Heating Oil | \$ |
| Lot or Space Rent | \$ | Electricity | \$ | Natural Gas | \$ |
| Property Tax | \$ | Water / Sewer | \$ | Wood / Coal | \$ |
| Home Insurance | \$ | Garbage Collection | \$ | Other | \$ |

Are you responsible for paying the cost of heating your home? Yes No

If yes, what fuel do you heat your home with? _____

If you share payment of these expenses with anyone, or receive assistance paying the expenses (such as rental assistance or heating assistance), please explain. _____

10. Complete if anyone in your household has expenses for the care of a child, or an elderly or disabled adult. *Please provide proof of amounts paid for the last two months.*

| Child / Dependent Name | Monthly Care Cost | Child / Dependent Name | Monthly Care Cost |
|------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| | \$ | | \$ |
| | \$ | | \$ |

Do you get money to help pay dependent care costs? Yes No If yes, how much? _____
From whom? _____

11. Complete if you or anyone in your household pays child support. *Please provide proof of your monthly obligation and the amount paid in the last two months.*

| Who Pays Child Support | Who Do They Pay | How Much | When |
|------------------------|-----------------|----------|------|
| | | \$ | |
| | | \$ | |

12. Complete if you or anyone in your household is over age 59 or disabled, and has medical expenses. *List the person and provide proof of these expenses.*

| Person with Medical Expense | Amount | Person with Medical Expense | Amount |
|-----------------------------|--------|-----------------------------|--------|
| | \$ | | \$ |
| | \$ | | \$ |

If you expect any changes in your household expenses or circumstances, please explain: _____

Failure to report or verify any of the above listed expenses will be seen as a statement by your household that you do not want to receive a deduction for the unreported expense.

HEALTH COVERAGE / INSURANCE:

13. Have you or anyone in your household had employer-based health insurance coverage begin or end in the last twelve months? Yes No If yes, please provide the name and address of the employer, the name and phone number of the insurance company, and a copy of the front and back of your insurance card.

14. If you or anyone in your household has health insurance please answer these questions:

Is anyone enrolled in health coverage from the following? Yes No

If yes, check the type of coverage and write the person(s) name(s) next to the coverage they have.

- Medicaid _____
 Medicare _____
 TRICARE _____

- VA health care programs _____
- Employer Insurance _____
 - Name of health insurance: _____
 - Policy number: _____
 - Is this COBRA coverage? Yes No
 - Is this a retiree plan? Yes No
- Other _____

Is anyone listed on this application offered health coverage from a job? Check yes even if the coverage is from someone else's job, such as a parent or spouse. Yes No If yes, complete and include Appendix A.

MEDICAID REVIEW

15. Complete if you or anyone in your household receives Medicaid.

In the past twelve months, did you or anyone in your household receive treatment at a hospital because of an accident or illness for which someone else was responsible to pay? Yes No If yes, please explain what happened and who is responsible to pay for treatment _____

16. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

If you would like to allow someone to represent you on all matters related to your application and case or would like the Division to share information about your application or case with someone, complete and include Appendix C.

17. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING AND STATEMENT OF TRUTH

- I understand that I must be a current Alaska resident to qualify for Public Assistance benefits administered by the Alaska Division of Public Assistance. I further understand that, if my residency status changes, I must report the change to the Alaska Division of Public Assistance within 10 days. I further understand that if I leave the state for 30 or more days, I must notify the Alaska Division of Public Assistance of my absence, regardless of whether I consider myself an Alaska resident/intend to return to Alaska, or not.
- I understand that eligibility for Public Assistance is determined in part by how much income my household has at its disposal. To that end, I understand that this application requires that I disclose all income received by myself and members of my household, including but not limited to income from the following sources: Employment (including Self-Employment), Alimony, Child Support, Unemployment, Net Rental/Royalty, Pension/Retirement, Supplemental Security Income, Veteran's Benefits, and Social Security Benefits.
- I understand that eligibility for Public Assistance is determined in part by how many assets my household has at its disposal. To that end, I understand that this application requires that I disclose all assets possessed by myself and members of my household, including by not limited to the following types of assets: Property (regardless of whether the Property is paid for, still being paid for, or is jointly owned with someone else), all Bank Accounts (including checking and savings accounts), Cash on Hand, Certificates of Deposit, College Savings Plans, Life Insurance Policies, Pension Plans, Retirement Funds, Stocks Bonds and Annuities, Native Corporation Shares, Trust Funds, Safety Deposit Box contents, Mineral Rights, IRA Accounts, Commercial Fishing Permits, and Burial Policy Agreements.

Under penalty of perjury, I certify that all information contained in this application, including U.S. citizenship or lawful immigrant status of all persons applying for benefits, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

I have read or had read to me the "Rights and Responsibilities" section of the application and I understand my rights and responsibilities, including fraud penalties, as described in this application.

Signature of Adult Applicant: _____
Signature Date (month/day/year)

Signature of Other Adult Applicant _____
Signature Date (month/day/year)

18. VOTER REGISTRATION

If you want to register to vote we can help you by sending you the correct forms to complete. If you do not answer the question, it will be considered the same as a No answer. This will not stop your ability to register to vote in the future.

Do you want to register to vote? Yes No

State of Alaska
Department of Health & Social
Services Division of Public
Assistance

Contact People and Organizations

To determine your eligibility for assistance, we may need to contact people or organizations that can answer questions about your situation. By completing this form, you are allowing us to contact the people and organizations you provide.

What questions do we ask?

We often ask questions about where you live, who lives with you, and your household's income and resources. We may also ask for information about a child's parent not living in the home.

What information do we provide them?

When we contact these people or organizations, we tell them our name and title. We also tell them that we work for the Division of Public Assistance. We do not give them any information about you or your public assistance case.

1 Information about two people who know you well:

| Name and Relation to You | Mailing Address | Daytime Phone |
|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| | | |
| | | |

2 Information about your landlord:

| Name | Mailing Address | Daytime Phone |
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| | | |

3 Information about your employer:

| Name | Mailing Address | Daytime Phone |
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| | | |
| | | |

Appendix A: Health Coverage from Jobs

You **DON'T** need to answer these questions unless someone in the household is eligible for health coverage from a job. Attach a copy of this page for each job that offers coverage.

Tell us about the job that offers coverage.

EMPLOYEE Information

| | |
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| 1. Employee name (First, Middle, Last) | 2. Employee Social Security number _____-_____-_____ |
|--|---|

EMPLOYER Information

| | | | |
|--|----------|--|--|
| 3. Employer name | | 4. Employer Identification Number (EIN) - - | |
| 5. Employer address | | 6. Employer phone number () - | |
| 7. City | 8. State | 9. ZIP code | |
| 10. Who can we contact about employee health coverage at this job? | | | |
| 11. Phone number (if different from above) () - | | 12. Email address | |

13. Are you currently eligible for coverage offered by this employer, or will you become eligible in the next 3 months?

Yes (Continue)

13a. If you're in a waiting or probationary period, when can you enroll in coverage? _____
List the names of anyone else who is eligible for coverage from this job.

Name: _____ Name: _____ Name: _____

No

Tell us about the health plan offered by this employer.

14. Does the employer offer a health plan that meets the minimum value standard*? Yes No

15. For the lowest-cost plan that meets the minimum value standard* offered **only to the employee** (don't include family plans):
If the employer has wellness programs, provide the premium that the employee would pay if he/ she received the maximum discount for any tobacco cessation programs, and did not receive any other discounts based on wellness programs.

a. How much would the employee have to pay in premiums for this plan? \$ _____

b. How often? Weekly Every 2 weeks Twice a month Once a month Quarterly Yearly

16. What change will the employer make for the new plan year (if known)?

Employer won't offer health coverage

Employer will start offering health coverage to employees or change the premium for the lowest-cost plan available only to the employee that meets the minimum value standard.* (Premium should reflect the discount for wellness programs. See question 15.)

a. How much will the employee have to pay in premiums for that plan? \$ _____

b. How often? Weekly Every 2 weeks Twice a month Once a month Quarterly Yearly

Date of change (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

*An employer-sponsored health plan meets the "minimum value standard" if the plan's share of the total allowed benefit costs covered by the plan is no less than 60 percent of such costs (Section 36B(c)(2)(C)(ii) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986)

APPENDIX C: Appointing an Authorized Representative

OPTIONAL

Would you like to allow someone to represent you on all matters related to your application and case?

You can give a trusted person or an organization permission to talk about your application and case with us, see your information, and act for you on matters related to your Public Assistance case. This person is called an “authorized representative.” **An authorized representative can make changes to your Public Assistance case and has access to the information in your case file. You will be held responsible for any change that is made to your case by your appointed authorized representative, up to and including potential fraud charges.**

The Division of Public Assistance can release any information regarding your application and case to your authorized representative or any member of the organization indicated on this form. More than one person or organization can serve as your authorized representative.

You can appoint, withdraw, or change an authorized representative at any time. If you ever need to change your authorized representative, contact the Division of Public Assistance. *If you are a legally appointed representative for someone on this application and provide proof, you do not need to complete this section.*

| | | |
|--|---------------------------|--------------|
| Name of Authorized Representative (First name, Middle name, Last name) or Organization | | Phone Number |
| Authorized Representative's Address | Apartment or suite number | Email |
| City | State | ZIP code |

New Change Addition Remove this person or organization as my authorized representative

OR

Permission to Release Information

Is there anyone that you would like us to share information with about your application and case?

By completing this section, you can give permission for the following person or organization to receive information about your Public Assistance application and benefit status, but they will not have the ability to act on your behalf like an authorized representative. You give the Division of Public Assistance permission to release information about your case status to this additional person or organization. You may cancel this release at any time by contacting the Division of Public Assistance.

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|---|---------------------------|--------------|
| Name of person (First name, Middle name, Last name) or Organization | | Phone Number |
| Address | Apartment or suite number | Email |
| City | State | ZIP code |

AND

| | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Applicant / Recipient's Signature | Date (mm/dd/yyyy) |
| Applicant / Recipient's Printed Name | Social Security Number or Case Number |

To be valid, this form must be signed by the applicant or recipient.

Your Rights and Responsibilities

What if I disagree with a decision made?

You have the right to discuss any action taken on your application or case with a caseworker or supervisor. If you think the Division of Public Assistance or Federally Facilitated Marketplace has made a mistake on your health insurance determination or the Division of Public Assistance has made a mistake on your benefits determination, you can appeal its decision. To appeal means to tell someone at the Division of Public Assistance or the Federally Facilitated Marketplace that you think the action is wrong, and ask for a fair hearing review of the action. The request for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Medicaid may be made to any employee of the Division in person, by telephone, or in writing; requests for all other programs must be made in writing. SNAP fair hearing requests must be made within 90 days from the effective date of action. Fair hearing requests for all other programs must be made within 30 days from the date of the notice. If requested, the Division will assist you in making a hearing request. If your disagreement has to do with medical billing or services, contact the Medicaid Recipient Information Helpline at 1-800-780-9972.

If you request a fair hearing before the effective date of action, you may continue to receive benefits until a hearing decision is made. If you do not request a fair hearing before the effective date of action, you can still appeal but benefits will not be continued. You can always re-apply for benefits while waiting for your hearing. At the hearing you may represent yourself or be represented by a legal representative. You may qualify for free legal advice and representation by contacting the Alaska Legal Services Corporation at (907) 272-9431 or 1-888-478-2572,

My right to appeal

I know that I can find out how to appeal by contacting the Division of Public Assistance or the Marketplace at 1-800-318-2596. I know that I can be represented in the process by someone other than myself. My eligibility and other important information will be explained to me.

When do I need to report changes?

You must report changes in your household within 10 days of when you know of the change. If you receive Alaska Temporary Assistance and a child leaves your home, you must report this within 5 days.

What changes do I need to report?

If you receive Health Insurance Benefits authorized by the Federally Facilitated Marketplace or Public Assistance Medicaid, you must report any and all changes to information provided in this application, including changes in your medical insurance.

If you receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and you do not receive benefits from any other program, you only need to report when your household's total gross income goes over the income limit for your household size and if someone in your household has lottery or gambling winnings of \$3,500 or more in a single game. If your household contains a member subject to the ABAWD time limits, you must report when their work hours fall below 20 hours per week.

If you receive public assistance services, the changes you must report include, but are not limited to the following:

- Starting or stopping a job, change in wage rate, change from part-time to full-time, or full-time to part-time
- When money you receive from sources other than working changes by more than \$50
- Someone moves into or out of your home
- You move or get a new mailing address
- Your household gets a vehicle
- Your household has more than \$2250 total in cash and money in bank
- Changes in your child support payment or obligation
- Changes in your medical insurance if you or anyone in your household gets Medicaid
- Pregnancy changes

Will I need to work?

To receive Alaska Temporary Assistance or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, you may have to participate in work activities. Alaska Temporary Assistance participants must prepare a Family Self-Sufficiency Plan for becoming financially independent. You must participate in approved work activities unless you qualify for an exemption. If you are an unmarried minor parent, to receive Alaska Temporary Assistance you must live with a parent or in another approved living arrangement and attend school or training. If you do not fulfill these work requirements or minor parent requirements, your benefits may be reduced or ended.

Read and keep this page.

What happens with my Child Support?

Alaska must collect child support and medical support from any parent who has the duty to pay support for a child receiving Alaska Temporary Assistance or Medicaid. This includes any money owed to you at the time you apply, as well as current and future child support payments. Any child support payments given or paid to you while receiving Alaska Temporary Assistance benefits must be reported and turned over to the State immediately. To change a child support order, you must obtain a new court order or get permission from the Child Support Services Division (CSSD). If you believe you have a good reason not to cooperate with CSSD for these programs, you must tell your caseworker immediately. You may be asked to provide information to support your reason.

When you apply for Alaska Temporary Assistance you must:

- Sign over to CSSD your right to receive and keep child support payments due to you or a child on Alaska Temporary Assistance.
- Cooperate with CSSD in establishing paternity.
- Agree not to make purchases with or to access the cash benefits on your EBT card at ATMs that are located in bars, liquor stores, gambling or adult entertainment establishments.

When you apply for Medicaid you must:

- Assign to the State of Alaska all rights to any medical support or other third party payments to the extent the department has paid medical assistance for care and services for you or your minor children.
- Cooperate with and assist the department in identifying and providing information concerning third parties who may be liable to pay for care and services received for you or your minor children.
- Agree to apply for all other available third-party resources that may be used to provide or pay for the cost of care or services received by you or your minor children or that may be used to reimburse the state for the cost of care or services received.
- Cooperate with CSSD in establishing paternity.
- If applying for long-term care services, including Home and Community Based Waiver services, assign to the State of Alaska as a remainder beneficiary, or as the second remainder beneficiary after your spouse or minor or disabled child, for any interest that you may have in an annuity up to the amount of Medicaid benefits received.

Can the State of Alaska take my estate?

The estate of an individual age 55 years of age or older who received Medicaid benefits may be subject to a claim for recovery. This is limited to the reimbursement of services received while the recipient was in a medical institution, including a nursing home or other medical institution, or was receiving home- and community-based services. Under limited conditions, the State of Alaska may place a lien on a recipient's home. However, most estate recovery is conducted after the death of the recipient or the recipient's surviving spouse, if any, and only at a time when the recipient has no surviving child under age 21 and no surviving child who is blind or disabled.

Will someone from the Division of Public Assistance come to my home?

A Division of Public Assistance worker may visit you at home to verify your eligibility for assistance. We may also visit you to complete case management activities such as Family Self-Sufficiency Plans. If you are not completing the activities, we may visit you to determine whether you have good cause for not doing so.

How are my rights protected?

The Division of Public Assistance will collect information, including the Social Security number (SSN) of each household member who is applying for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Alaska Temporary Assistance, or Medicaid, to determine eligibility for public assistance benefits. The Division will verify this information through computer matching programs, including the Income and Earnings Verification System (IEVS). This information will be used to monitor compliance with program regulations and for program management. The Division may disclose this information to other Federal and State agencies for official examination, to law enforcement officials for the purpose of apprehending persons fleeing to avoid the law, and to private claims collection agencies for claims collection action. The Division may verify immigrant status of household members by contacting the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). Information obtained from these agencies may affect your eligibility and level of benefits.

Providing the requested information, including the SSN of each household member for whom you are seeking benefits, is voluntary. However, failure to provide this information will result in the denial of benefits to each individual failing to provide an SSN. Any SSN provided will be used and disclosed in the same manner, regardless of the eligibility of the individual. The Division of Public Assistance can assist you in applying for a Social Security Number if you are seeking benefits and do not have one.

Read and keep this page.

When you sign the application for assistance and use Medicaid or Chronic & Acute Medical Assistance coupons, you consent to release medical records and information about yourself and any other person you are applying for to the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS). Upon request, any person who has medical records and information or the custody of such records shall release those records to the Department or a representative of the department.

Health or medical information DHSS may have about you is protected under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996. This federal law provides you with certain rights about how your health information is used and disclosed. The law allows you to find out how DHSS used your health information, and how DHSS has disclosed your health information outside of DHSS. The law also limits the release of information about you to the minimum amount necessary for the purpose of the disclosure and allows you to examine and obtain a copy of your own health records and to request corrections to those records.

You can get an electronic copy of the Notice of Privacy Practices at http://dhss.alaska.gov/Documents/Pdfs/DHSS_Notice_of_Privacy_Practices.pdf. You can get an electronic copy of the Notice of Privacy Practices at Request a printed copy by writing to State of Alaska, DHSS Privacy Official, and P. O. Box 110650, Juneau, Alaska 99811-0650 or by email at privacyofficial@alaska.gov.

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, religious creed, disability, age, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

To file a complaint of discrimination, contact USDA or HHS. Write to USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 (voice) or (202) 720-6382 (TDD). The USDA Program Discrimination Complaint form can be found online at <http://www.ascr.usda.gov/filing-program-discrimination-complaint-usda-customer> or a copy of the form may be requested by calling (866) 632-9992. You may also write to HHS Office for Civil Rights, 2201 Sixth Avenue – Mail Stop RX-11, Seattle, WA 98121 or call (800) 368-1019 (voice) or (800) 537-7697 (TDD). USDA and HHS are equal opportunity providers and employers.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

If you have questions about the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, contact the Division of Public Assistance Civil Rights Coordinator at (907) 465-3347.

Responsibility for Overpayment

If you receive an overpayment of Public Assistance benefits or receive services to which you are not entitled, you may be financially responsible for repaying the overpayment or cost of services to the State of Alaska. This may be true even if the overpayment or improper authorization of services is due to an error on the part of the Department of Health and Social Services. By accepting benefits or services, you must understand and agree that you may have a responsibility for the repayment of benefits or services to which you were not entitled.

Release

Your signature on this application gives the Federally Facilitated Marketplace, the Department of Health and Social Services, its agents, and the Department of Law permission to ask for information about your health, finances, family and personal history. This information may be used to determine your eligibility for public assistance programs and, if a fraud investigation is launched, in administrative or criminal investigations of your eligibility for benefits. Your information will not be released for any other reason or to any other person or agency outside of the Federally Facilitated Marketplace, Department of Health and Social Services or its representatives except as required by law. The Release of Information will be in effect while you are an applicant or recipient of public assistance, and for any later investigations of your eligibility and receipt of benefits.

We'll check your answers using information in our electronic databases and databases from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Social Security, the Department of Homeland Security, and/or a consumer reporting agency. If the information doesn't match, we may ask you to send us proof. We may also contact other people or organizations including, but not limited to: the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, the Department of Fish and Game, the Department of Labor, the Department of Law, the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Revenue, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, employers, financial institutions, landlords, local governments, Native corporations, private individuals, public assistance program contractors and grantees, school authorities, the Social Security Administration, stock brokerage firms, and tax assessors. We need this information to check your eligibility for public assistance services and to check your eligibility for help paying for health coverage if you choose to apply. Additionally, information obtained from this release may be used by the Department of Health and Social Services in administrative proceedings against you, and/or by the Department of Law in criminal proceedings against you.

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What happens if I do not follow the rules?

You may be prosecuted if you knowingly give false, incorrect, or incomplete information to get or try to get public assistance benefits you are not eligible for, or to help someone get benefits for which they are not eligible. You must repay any benefits you wrongly receive.

| Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) | |
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| <p>I understand that if I...</p> <p>Commit an intentional program violation of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program defined in 7 CFR 273.16 or any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> hide information or make false statements use electronic benefit transfer (EBT) cards that belong to someone else use SNAP benefits to buy alcohol or tobacco trade or sell benefits or EBT cards | <p>I may...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> lose SNAP benefits for 12 months for the first offense and be required to repay all benefits overpaid to me lose SNAP benefits for 24 months for the second offense and be required to repay all benefits overpaid to me lose SNAP benefits permanently for third offense and be required to repay all benefits overpaid to me be fined up to \$250,000.00, imprisoned up to 20 years or both |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> trade SNAP benefits for controlled substances, such as drugs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> lose SNAP benefits for 24 months for the first offense lose SNAP benefits permanently for the second offense |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> give false information about who I am and where I live so I can get extra benefits | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> lose SNAP benefits for 10 years for each offense |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> have been convicted of trading or selling SNAP benefits worth more than \$500, or trading SNAP benefits for firearms, ammunition, or explosives | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> be barred from receiving SNAP benefits permanently |
| Alaska Temporary Assistance Program | |
| <p>I understand that if I...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> commit an intentional program violation or I am convicted of fraud give false information about who I am and where I live so I can get extra benefits use my ATAP cash benefits or access them at any ATMs located in bars, liquor stores, gambling or adult entertainment establishments | <p>I may...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> lose benefits for 6 months for the first offense lose benefits for 12 months for the second offense lose benefits permanently for the third offense other penalties may also apply and I may be subject to criminal prosecution have to pay back amount received if there is an overpayment |
| Medicaid Program | |
| <p>I understand that if I...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> commit an intentional program violation or program abuse that results in misuse or overuse of Medicaid benefits or are found guilty of misconduct related to Medicaid benefits commit Medical Assistance fraud under AS 47.05.210 | <p>I may...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> be required to pay back the amount of Medicaid services that I or anyone in my household received be excluded from Medicaid for up to 10 years have to pay fines up to \$25,000 and be subject to criminal prosecution |

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