



Ohio Revised Code

Section 5101.542 Electronic benefit transfer card.

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(A) Immediately following a county department of job and family services' certification that a household determined under division (B) of section 5101.54 of the Revised Code to be in immediate need of nutrition assistance is eligible for the supplemental nutrition assistance program, the department of job and family services shall provide for the household to be sent by regular United States mail an electronic benefit transfer card containing the amount of benefits the household is eligible to receive under the program. The card shall be sent to the member of the household in whose name application for the supplemental nutrition assistance program was made or that member's authorized representative.

(B) Except as provided in division (C) of this section, the department shall replace any electronic benefit transfer card that is reported by a household to be lost, stolen, or damaged, within two business days of receiving notice of the card's condition, in accordance with 7 C.F.R. 274.6(b).

(C)(1) The department shall implement the option described in 7 C.F.R. 274.6(b)(5) and shall withhold a replacement electronic benefit transfer card from a household that requests four or more replacement cards during a twelve-month period until the requirements specified in 7 C.F.R. 274.6(b)(5) have been satisfied.

(2) The department shall not withhold a replacement card as described under division (C)(1) of this section if the individual requesting the replacement has a disability directly related to the loss of the card.

(D) The department shall establish a process as part of the department's existing customer service telephone hotline that allows individuals to lock or unlock an electronic benefit transfer card that has been lost or stolen.

(E) On the effective date of this amendment, the department shall begin the transition to chip-enabled supplemental nutrition assistance program electronic benefit transfer cards. In implementing this transition, the department shall ensure that all new electronic benefit transfer cards that are issued are chip-enabled and shall replace existing electronic benefit transfer cards with chip-enabled cards under the department's ordinary timeframe for replacing electronic benefit transfer cards.
