

## **Replacement of Electronically Stolen SNAP Benefits**

The Consolidated Appropriations Act included a temporary provision that allows for the replacement of electronically stolen Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits. States will only be able to replace SNAP benefits that were electronically stolen from October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2024.

**Effective September 13, 2023**, Alaska will start accepting claims for the replacement of electronically stolen SNAP benefits, using the [Report of Electronic Theft of SNAP Benefits \(GEN 171\)](#).

### **What is considered electronic benefit theft?**

Electronic benefit theft of SNAP benefits includes card skimming, card cloning, and other similar fraudulent methods.

### **What types of SNAP benefits may be eligible for replacement due to electronic theft?**

Replacement of SNAP benefits that have been electronically stolen is limited to:

- Regular SNAP issuances (including initial prorations); and
- Emergency Allotments (EAs)

*Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) benefits are NOT eligible to be replaced if electronically stolen.*

### **How much SNAP benefits can be replaced due to electronic theft?**

If eligible for replacement benefits, the total replacement amount cannot exceed the amount of the stolen benefits or the amount equal to two months of the household's SNAP benefits, whichever is less.

### **How to process a Report of Electronic Theft of SNAP Benefits (GEN 171)?**

To be valid, the GEN 171 must be signed and dated by a household member. A household must submit a completed [Report of Electronic Theft of SNAP Benefits \(GEN 171\)](#) through one of the following methods for DPA to validate the claim:

- In person at a local DPA office
- Email: [hss.dpa.jnu.claims@alaska.gov](mailto:hss.dpa.jnu.claims@alaska.gov)
- Mail: DPA Benefit Issuance and Recovery Unit  
P.O. Box 110640  
Juneau, Alaska 99811-0640
- Fax: 1-907-465-3651

All completed [Report of Electronic Theft of SNAP Benefits \(GEN 171\)](#) must be sent to the Benefit Issuance and Recovery Unit (BIRU) email at [hss.dpa.jnu.claims@alaska.gov](mailto:hss.dpa.jnu.claims@alaska.gov).