

MEDICAID, FOOD STAMPS, AND TANF DURING COVID-19

MEDICAID

- DFCS will waive verification requirements – like check stubs and bank statements
- Renewals due in March and April are automatically continued four (4) months
- Those applying for Nursing Home Medicaid with income over the Medicaid income limits (CAP) require a Qualified Income Trust (QIT). This requirement will be waived during the crisis. You can qualify for Medicaid even if you don't have a QIT signed before you apply. (Ask that DFCS waive all requirements you can't complete because of your disability)

FOOD STAMPS/SNAP

- Renewals due in March, April, and May are extended six (6) months
- Pandemic SNAP (P-SNAP) - All households will get the maximum benefit for your household size for March and April – for many this will be an increase in benefits
- Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) – no work requirements
- There are no ABAWD time limits
- Interview and income verification requirements will be waived

TANF

- Renewals due in March, April, and May are automatically extended six (6) months

HOW DO I APPLY FOR BENEFITS?

- DFCS offices are closed to the public
- Apply online at www.gateway.ga.gov
- Call DFCS (877) 423-4746
- If you are having problems reaching DFCS by phone you can email: customer_services_dfcs@dhs.ga.gov
- Call Georgia Legal Services Benefits Hotline 1-888-632-6332 (if you currently receive or should receive Medicare)
- You can download, print, and mail a paper application to your local DFCS office: <https://dfcs.georgia.gov/services>

HOW CAN GLSP HELP ME? CALL US IF:

- Your Medicaid benefits were terminated in March or April for not completing a review
- Your Food Stamps or TANF benefits were terminated in March, April, or May for not completing a review
- You are an ABAWD (Able Bodied Adult Without Dependents) and your food stamps are terminated for not working or because of a time limit
- You believe you have been terminated or denied benefits in error
- **You are disabled and cannot complete a review or application due to your disability**
- **You tried, but still need legal help - call** Georgia Legal Services at: 833-GLSPLAW or go to www.glsp.org and hit the button that's says:



Apply