

Economic Assistance Application

What is Economic Assistance and How Do I Apply for Economic Assistance?

Economic Assistance programs help low income individuals, families, children, pregnant women, people with disabilities, and the elderly by providing medical, nutritional, financial, and case management services.

Step 1- Complete all questions. Sign and date the application. If you need help completing this form or bringing it to the local Social Services office, please call your local Social Services office and ask for help.

Step 2- Mail, fax, or take your application to a local Social Services office. You have the right to file this application right away by completing your name, address, and signature on this page. The date we get this page starts the time we have to decide your eligibility for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and/or medical programs.

Step 3- Interview. Provide proof of income and expenses. If this is not a new application we will only need verification of any changes. An interview is required if applying for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.

Do You Need Interpreter Services? Yes No

Please check what type of interpreter services are needed Language (list what language) _____

Visual or Hearing Impaired Other (Interpreter services are provided free of charge)

If other help is needed, please describe: _____

Tell Us About You

Answer these questions about yourself.

First Name		Initial	Last Name		Social Security Number
Birth Date	Primary Phone Number		Secondary Phone Number (optional)		
Street Address		Apartment Number		County (you live in)	
City	State	Zip Code	Email Address (optional)		
Mailing Address (if different from street address)			Do you live on an Indian Reservation? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Directions to Your Home (if no street address)			What is the best time to contact you between 8am and 5pm?		

When Will I Get Assistance?

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) within 7 days:

You must complete the entire application and have an interview. You must provide a copy of your ID such as your driver's license, wage stubs, or non-citizen papers. You will receive SNAP benefits (if eligible) within 7 days if you meet one of the following:

- Households with gross monthly income less than \$150 and resources of \$100 or less; or
- Households with rent, mortgage, and utilities that are more than the household's gross monthly income and resources; or
- Households with a migrant or seasonal farm worker with resources (including cash, checking and savings accounts) of \$100 or less, whose income is stopping or starting.

SNAP Benefits within 30 days:

You will receive SNAP benefits within 30 days if you are eligible. If you are not eligible you will receive a letter of explanation.

Medical Assistance within 45 days:

You will receive notice of your eligibility determination within 45 days after receipt of the application for most medical programs.

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) within 30 days:

Benefits will be determined from the date the signed application is received. (An application for TANF requires another form.)

If applying for children's medical, your SNAP information and data will be used to determine the children's Medicaid eligibility unless you request us not to do so.

I certify that I will give the South Dakota Department of Social Services all information needed to review my application for TANF, SNAP, and Medical programs. This information will be true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: (Signing here will start your application. You must also sign page 10 before you can receive any benefits.)	Today's Date:
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Expedited: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Application: <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	Receipt Date	Case Number
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Can I Choose to Have Someone Help Me?

You can choose an authorized representative(s) to help fill out your application, give information at your interview, and speak with your Benefits Specialist for you. If you wish to have an authorized representative(s), tell us about this person by completing the following information.

Name (of Authorized Representative)	Address	Contact Number	<input type="checkbox"/> SNAP <input type="checkbox"/> Medical
Name (of Authorized Representative)	Address	Contact Number	<input type="checkbox"/> SNAP <input type="checkbox"/> Medical

Who Lives in your Home?

1. PLEASE LIST EVERYONE IN YOUR HOME, even if you are not requesting assistance for them.

- ▶ Completion of Social Security number and citizenship is optional for those not asking for assistance.
- ▶ Completion of the country of birth, marital status, last grade completed, sex, race, and ethnicity sections are optional and will not affect your eligibility or level of benefits.
- ▶ If requesting medical assistance, and you are American Indian or Alaska Native, please complete [appendix A](#).

*Marital Status Codes: N- Never Married/Single M- Married S- Separated D- Divorced W- Widow/ Widower
 ** Race Codes: W- White A- American Indian/Alaska Native B- Black H- Hawaiian/Pacific Islander O- Asian

<u>Circle Program below</u>	<u>First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name</u>	<u>Relation To You</u> <small>(Spouse, Son/ Daughter Sibling, friend etc.)</small>	<u>Social Security Number</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u> <u>Country of Birth</u>	Sex <small>(Circle One)</small>	<u>*Marital Status</u>	<u>**Race</u>	U.S. Citizen <small>(Circle One)</small>	Does this person prepare and eat meals with you?
						<u>Last Grade Completed</u> <small>(list last grade)</small>	<u>Ethnicity:</u> <small>(Hispanic or Latino? Circle Y or N)</small>		
SNAP Medical TANF None		Self			M			Yes	
					F		Y N	No	
SNAP Medical TANF None					M			Yes	Y
					F		Y N	No	N
SNAP Medical TANF None					M			Yes	Y
					F		Y N	No	N
SNAP Medical TANF None					M			Yes	Y
					F		Y N	No	N
SNAP Medical TANF None					M			Yes	Y
					F		Y N	No	N
SNAP Medical TANF None					M			Yes	Y
					F		Y N	No	N
SNAP Medical TANF None					M			Yes	Y
					F		Y N	No	N
SNAP Medical TANF None					M			Yes	Y
					F		Y N	No	N
SNAP Medical TANF None					M			Yes	Y
					F		Y N	No	N
SNAP Medical TANF None					M			Yes	Y
					F		Y N	No	N

****If you have more people living in your home, please complete an additional page****

2. Yes No Are there other names used by anyone in the household (maiden names, aliases, etc.)?
If yes, complete below:

Household Member	Other Names Used

3. Yes No Other than you and your spouse, are there any other parents with children living in your home? If yes, complete below:

Parent	Children

4. Yes No Are there other states/territories where you have received food, medical, and/or cash assistance? If yes, complete below:

City/State/Territory	Dates	County	Office Phone #	Worker Name

5. Yes No Do you or anyone in the home attend school? If yes, complete below:

Name	Name of School	Enrollment Status	Expected Graduation date	If this is a Boarding School, do they board?
		<input type="checkbox"/> Full Time <input type="checkbox"/> Half Time <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Half Time		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		<input type="checkbox"/> Full Time <input type="checkbox"/> Half Time <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Half Time		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		<input type="checkbox"/> Full Time <input type="checkbox"/> Half Time <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Half Time		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		<input type="checkbox"/> Full Time <input type="checkbox"/> Half Time <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Half Time		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

6. Yes No Are you or anyone in the home, currently living in an institution? If yes, complete below:
(An institution is a facility that provides at least 50% of meals to you, such as an alcohol/drug treatment center, homeless shelter, battered women's shelter, prison, etc.)

Person in Facility	Name of Facility	Type of Facility	Date entered facility:	Amount billed for Residing in the facility: \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Room only or <input type="checkbox"/> Room & board
			___/___/___	

7. Yes No Do you or anyone requesting benefits receive Tribal Commodities?

8. Yes No Are you or anyone in your home disqualified from receiving SNAP or tribal commodities due to an intentional program violation?

9. Yes No Are you or anyone in the home hiding or running from the law:

- to avoid prosecution or felony prosecution
- to avoid being taken into custody, or going to jail for a felony, attempted felony
- violating parole or probation

If yes, list name(s) _____

10. Yes No Has anyone in the home been convicted of any of the following after September 22, 1996?

- fraudulently receiving duplicate SNAP, TANF, Medical, or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits in any state
- buying or selling SNAP benefits of \$500 or more
- trading SNAP benefits for guns, ammunition, explosives, or drugs

If yes, list name(s) _____

11. Yes No If applying for TANF, has anyone been convicted of a felony for possession, use, or distribution of a controlled drug substance after August 22, 1996?
If yes, list name(s) _____ State where convicted: _____

What Resources Do Members of Your Household Have?

12. Yes No Do you or anyone in the home, including children, own or co-own any cars, trucks, boats, campers, motorcycles, trailers, or ATV's? Include all vehicles registered in your name. If yes, complete below:

Owner / Co-owner	Year	Make (Ford, Chevy, GMC, etc.)	Model (Taurus, Blazer, etc.)	Amount Owed	Value	Vehicle use? (work, school, recreation, etc.)	Leased? (circle one)
				\$	\$		Yes No
				\$	\$		Yes No
				\$	\$		Yes No
				\$	\$		Yes No
				\$	\$		Yes No

13. Yes No Other than the house you live in, do you or anyone in your home, including children, own/co-own any land, buildings, or homes? If yes, complete below:

Owner / Co-owner	Type/ Location	Value	Amount Owed	For Sale or Rent?
		\$	\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		\$	\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

13a. Yes No If this property is for rent, does it produce income? (If yes, make sure to list the income on question #18)

14. Yes No Do you or anyone in the home, including children, own/co-own any of the following types of resources? If yes, complete below: *Examples: Cash, Checking, Savings, Credit Union, Direct Express or Payroll Debit Cards, Stocks, Bonds, Certificates of Deposit, Life Insurance, Trust Funds, Individual Indian Monies (IIM), Money Market Funds, Deferred Compensation Plan, Burial Funds, Contracts for Deed, IRAs, 401K, Keogh plan, or other items of value.*

Name	Type of Resource	Bank/ Location	Account Number	Value/ Balance
				\$
				\$
				\$
				\$
				\$
				\$
				\$

15. Yes No Have you or anyone in the home sold, traded, or given away anything of value within the last 3 months? (money, land, vehicles, buildings, house, etc.) If yes, complete below:

Name	What was Transferred?	Date Transferred	Value
			\$
			\$

What Type of Income Do Members of Your Household Receive?

16. Yes No Do you or anyone in the home, including children, have job income or expect to start a job? If yes, list all job income and provide proof of the last 30 days:

Who is Working or Starting Work?	Employer Name and Address	Hours worked per month & wage per hour	Gross Income received in the last 30 days or expected to receive	Tips	How often paid?	Date of Next Check
		Hours worked: _____ Wage per hour: _____	\$	\$	<input type="checkbox"/> weekly <input type="checkbox"/> biweekly <input type="checkbox"/> monthly <input type="checkbox"/> twice monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
		Hours worked: _____ Wage per hour: _____	\$	\$	<input type="checkbox"/> weekly <input type="checkbox"/> biweekly <input type="checkbox"/> monthly <input type="checkbox"/> twice monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
		Hours worked: _____ Wage per hour: _____	\$	\$	<input type="checkbox"/> weekly <input type="checkbox"/> biweekly <input type="checkbox"/> monthly <input type="checkbox"/> twice monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	

17. Yes No Do you or anyone in the home have income from Experience Works, WIA, or work study?

18. Yes No Are you or anyone in the home self-employed or work odd jobs for cash? If yes, complete below and provide proof: (for self-employment, provide last tax return filed or monthly ledgers)

Name	Type of Work	Income per month after expenses
		\$
		\$

19. Yes No Did you or anyone in the home have job income that ended in the last 60 days? If yes, complete below and provide proof of your final check:

Name	Employer	Last Day Worked	Final Check Date	Reason for leaving

20. Yes No Are you or anyone in the home currently on strike? If yes, complete below and provide proof of your final check:

Name	Employer	When did the strike start?	Date of last check?

21. Yes No Are you or anyone in the home a migrant or seasonal farm worker?

22. Yes No Are you or anyone in the home unable to work due to a health problem? If yes, complete below:

Name	Applied for SSA/ SSI/ VA/ Worker's Comp?	If yes, list date applied
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

23. Yes No Does anyone in the home, including children, receive or expect to receive, income that is not from a job? If yes, complete below: *Examples:* Child Support, Alimony, Social Security, SSI, SSI State Supplement, BIA /GA, Tribal TANF, Unemployment, Retirement, Worker's Compensation, Veteran's Benefits, Pensions, Annuities, Dividends, Rental Income, Tribal Lease or Per Capita Income, Prizes, Lottery Winnings, Adoption/Guardianship or Foster Care Subsidies, Money from Family/Friends, and any other sources of unearned income.

Name	Source of Income	Gross Amount this Month
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$

What Expenses Does Your Household Have?

24. Yes No Do you or anyone in the home pay for shelter expenses?
If yes, complete below and provide proof of the expense:

Rent	\$ _____ per month	Rental Assistance/Subsidized Housing: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If renting, list the Landlord's name:		Phone:
Lot Rent	\$ _____ per month	
Mortgage	\$ _____ per month	Property Taxes \$ _____ per month <small>(if not included in mortgage)</small>
Homeowner's Insurance	\$ _____ per month <small>(if not included in Mortgage)</small>	Condo Fees \$ _____ per month <small>(if not included in mortgage)</small>

25. Yes No Do you or anyone in the home pay for utility expenses?
If yes, check the box(s) next to the expense(s) you are responsible to pay and provide proof:

<input type="checkbox"/> Heat Heating source: <input type="checkbox"/> Electric <input type="checkbox"/> Gas <input type="checkbox"/> Propane <input type="checkbox"/> Fuel Oil <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Heat: if wood heat do you <input type="checkbox"/> Buy Wood or <input type="checkbox"/> Cut Wood?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Air Conditioning	<input type="checkbox"/> Garbage	<input type="checkbox"/> Water
<input type="checkbox"/> Electricity	<input type="checkbox"/> Sewer	<input type="checkbox"/> Telephone
<input type="checkbox"/> Cooking Fuel	<input type="checkbox"/> All of the above	

26. Yes No Have you or anyone in the home received energy assistance (LIEAP) or tribal energy assistance within the last 12 months?

27. Yes No Do you or anyone in the home pay for child care or adult care in order to work, look for work, or to attend school? If yes, complete below and provide proof of the amount billed:

Name of Person in Care	Amount Billed	How Often Billed	Provider	Receive Child Care Assistance
	\$	<input type="checkbox"/> weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> biweekly <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	\$	<input type="checkbox"/> weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> biweekly <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	\$	<input type="checkbox"/> weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> biweekly <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	\$	<input type="checkbox"/> weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> biweekly <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

28. Yes No Does anyone in the home pay court ordered child support/alimony to another household?
If yes, complete below and provide proof of the amount paid:

Name of Person who Pays	How Much Per Month	To Whom Paid	How Often Billed
	\$		<input type="checkbox"/> weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> biweekly <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
	\$		<input type="checkbox"/> weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> biweekly <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

29. Yes No Does anyone who is a person with a disability or age 60 or older, pay medical costs?
If yes, complete below and provide proof of the medical expense:
Include doctor & hospital bills, prescription drugs, dental, eyeglasses, transportation, Medicare premiums, health insurance premiums, etc.

Name	Total Amount per month
	\$
	\$

30. Yes No Do you or anyone in the home receive help paying expenses? If yes, complete below:
Include help you get from any agency, organization or person in paying your household expenses.

Which Expense was Paid	Name of Person who Pays

Are you Applying for Medical Assistance? Answer questions 31-42 only if you want Medical Assistance.

31. Yes No Do you plan to file a federal income tax return next year or will you be claimed as a dependent on someone else's tax return next year? If yes, complete below:

Will you file jointly with a spouse/partner?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes , please list name of spouse/ partner:
Will you claim any dependents on your tax return?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes , list names of dependents:
Will you be claimed as a dependent on someone's tax return?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes , list the name of the tax filer:
		How is the tax filer related to you?

32. Yes No Does anyone else in your household plan to file a federal income tax return next year or will anyone be claimed as a dependent on someone else's tax return next year? If yes, complete below: *** Reminder: Any income of children listed below should also be listed on #16***

Name:

Will he/she file jointly with a spouse/partner?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, please list name of spouse/partner:
Will he/she claim any dependents on their tax return?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, list names of dependents:
Will he/she be claimed as a dependent on someone's tax return?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, list the name of the tax filer:
		How are they related to the tax filer?

Name:

Will he/she file jointly with a spouse/partner?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, please list name of spouse/partner:
Will he/she claim any dependents on their tax return?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, list names of dependents:
Will he/she be claimed as a dependent on someone's tax return?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, list the name of the tax filer:
		How are they related to the tax filer?

Name:

Will he/she file jointly with a spouse/partner?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, please list name of spouse/partner:
Will he/she claim any dependents on their tax return?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, list names of dependents:
Will he/she be claimed as a dependent on someone's tax return?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, list the name of the tax filer:
		How are they related to the tax filer?

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Name:		
Will he/she file jointly with a spouse/partner?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, please list name of spouse/partner:
Will he/she claim any dependents on their tax return?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, list names of dependents:
Will he/she be claimed as a dependent on someone's tax return?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, list the name of the tax filer:
		How are they related to the tax filer?

Name:		
Will he/she file jointly with a spouse/partner?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, please list name of spouse/partner:
Will he/she claim any dependents on their tax return?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, list names of dependents:
Will he/she be claimed as a dependent on someone's tax return?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, list the name of the tax filer:
		How are they related to the tax filer?

33. Yes No Does anyone pay for certain things that can be deducted on a federal income tax return?

Name:	<input type="checkbox"/> Student Loan Interest	<input type="checkbox"/> Other deduction - list type:
	Amount \$	How Often?
Name:	<input type="checkbox"/> Student Loan Interest	<input type="checkbox"/> Other deduction - list type:
	Amount \$	How Often?

34. Yes No Is anyone in the home pregnant? If yes, complete below:

Name	Expected Due Date	Number of Babies Expected

35. Yes No Does anyone requesting medical assistance have unpaid medical bills received in the last 3 months? If yes, complete below and provide proof of income for those months:

Name	Month of Medical Bill(s)

36. Yes No Has any household member requesting medical assistance dropped group health insurance within the last 3 months?

37. Yes No Are you or anyone in the home covered or eligible for coverage under the SD State Employees insurance program? If yes, who _____

38. Yes No Is anyone in the home covered by health insurance other than Medicaid/CHIP?

If yes, complete below:

Person(s) Covered	Policy Holder	Name and Address of Insurance Co.	Check Type of Insurance	Group # Policy #	Start Date/ End Date
			<input type="checkbox"/> Medicare A <input type="checkbox"/> Vision <input type="checkbox"/> Medicare B <input type="checkbox"/> Dental <input type="checkbox"/> Medicare D <input type="checkbox"/> Mental <input type="checkbox"/> Inpatient <input type="checkbox"/> Outpatient <input type="checkbox"/> Pharmacy <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
			<input type="checkbox"/> Medicare A <input type="checkbox"/> Vision <input type="checkbox"/> Medicare B <input type="checkbox"/> Dental <input type="checkbox"/> Medicare D <input type="checkbox"/> Mental <input type="checkbox"/> Inpatient <input type="checkbox"/> Outpatient <input type="checkbox"/> Pharmacy <input type="checkbox"/> Other		

*** If anyone listed on this application is offered health coverage from a job, complete appendix B.

39. Yes No Has any Native American household member received/eligible for a service from Indian Health Services (IHS), Urban Indian Health or other tribal healthcare?

If yes, who _____

40. Yes No Was any household member in state sponsored foster care at age 18?

If yes, who _____ What state? _____

41. Yes No Does anyone have conditions that cause limitations in daily activities (like bathing, dressing, personal care etc.)? If yes, who _____

42. Yes No Is anyone who is applying for medical assistance a non-citizen with immigration status?

If yes, complete below:

Name	Immigration Document Type	Document ID Number	Expiration Date	Lived in U.S. since 1996?	U.S. military status of person, spouse, or parent
Alien Number				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Active Duty/Veteran <input type="checkbox"/> None
A				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Active Duty/Veteran <input type="checkbox"/> None
A				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Active Duty/Veteran <input type="checkbox"/> None
A				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Active Duty/Veteran <input type="checkbox"/> None
A				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Active Duty/Veteran <input type="checkbox"/> None

Would you like to Register to Vote?

Any citizen in the State of South Dakota who meets the voter registration requirements and applies for public assistance must be provided the opportunity to register to vote.

*****If you do not answer the question below, this will mean you have decided not to register to vote at this time*****

Yes No If you are not registered to vote where you live now, would you like to apply to register to vote here today?

Please note that the information and office to which application was made will remain confidential and be used for voter registration purposes. Applying to register or refusing to register to vote will not affect the amount of assistance or services that you may receive from the Department of Social Services. If you would like help filling out the voter registration form, we will help you. The decision whether to seek or accept help is yours. You may fill out the application in private.

If you believe that someone has interfered with your right to register to vote, your right to privacy in deciding whether to register or in applying to register to vote, or your right to choose your own political party or other political preference, you may file a complaint with the: South Dakota Secretary of State, 500 E Capitol, Pierre SD 57501, (605) 773-3537

Read the Following Sections Carefully

- I agree to inform the SD Department of Social Services when
 - my household's income exceeds the maximum amount for my household size; **and if**
 - I or one of my household members is eligible only because of working 20 hours a week and the employment stops or hours decrease to less than 20 hours a week
- If receiving Medical Assistance, I agree to inform the SD Department of Social Services if the number of persons living with me or a pregnancy status changes, if there is a change in income, tax filing status changes, or a change in insurance.
- I understand that by applying for and accepting medical assistance, I assign any proceeds or any other third party support, for each person for whom Medical coverage was requested, to the SD Department of Social Services.
- I understand that if any child on this application has a parent living outside the home, I will be asked to cooperate with the agency that collects medical support from an absent parent. If I think that cooperating to collect medical support will harm my children, I can tell Medicaid and I may not have to cooperate.
- I understand I have the right to appeal if my SNAP and/or TANF application is not acted on within 30 days or my medical application is not acted on within 45 days by Economic Assistance.
 - I understand I have the right to appeal within 90 days, if I disagree with any action made regarding my SNAP benefits. I also understand that I have the right to appeal within 30 days if I disagree with any decision made regarding my TANF and/or Medical Assistance application.
 - Federal and state laws and regulations limit the use and disclosure of confidential or protected health information about applicants and recipients of assistance programs.
 - **SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS:** Social Security numbers must be provided for all members applying for or receiving assistance (Public Law 104-193 governing TANF, Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 as amended through Public Law 110-246, and ARSD 67:46:01:12 governing Medical Assistance). Individuals applying for assistance may request help in obtaining Social Security numbers. Social Security numbers will not be shared with Federal immigration but will be used or disclosed in order to determine eligibility and benefit level, prevent duplicate participation, verify the accuracy of information provided, used in computer cross matches with other Federal and State agencies (Department of Labor, Social Security, Internal Revenue Service, etc.) when a discrepancy is found, assist in collection of benefit overpayments, and apprehend persons fleeing to avoid the law, if requested.

PENALTIES:

If you do the following....	You will....
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hide information or make false statements ▪ Use SNAP benefits that belong to someone else ▪ Use SNAP benefits to buy alcohol or tobacco ▪ Trade or sell SNAP benefits, South Dakota EBT cards, or groceries purchased with SNAP benefits 	Lose SNAP and/or TANF benefits for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 12 months for the first offense ▪ 24 months for the second offense ▪ Permanently for the third offense ▪ May be referred for criminal prosecution
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Trade SNAP benefits for controlled substances such as drugs 	Lose SNAP benefits for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 24 months for the first offense ▪ Permanently for the second offense
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Trade SNAP benefits for firearms, ammunition, or explosives ▪ Trade, buy, or sell SNAP benefits of \$500 or more 	Lose SNAP benefits permanently
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Give false information when applying for or receiving assistance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Be fined up to \$1000 or sentenced up to 12 months in county jail, or both, if convicted of a misdemeanor ▪ Be fined up to \$2000 or sentenced up to 2 years in prison, or both, if convicted of a felony
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Give false information with respect to the identity or place of residence in order to receive multiple SNAP benefits simultaneously 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lose SNAP benefits for 10 years.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Give false information affecting eligibility of Medical Assistance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lose Medical Assistance up to a year ▪ Be fined up to \$5000 or sentenced up to 5 years in prison, or both, if convicted
<p>You can also be fined up to \$250,000 or sentenced to prison up to 20 years, or both, for doing these things. You may also be charged under other Federal or State programs and could be ordered to repay the cost of that assistance. You may also be barred from receiving SNAP for an additional 18 months if court ordered. You can also be charged with perjury.</p>	

I understand that the information on this form is subject to verification by Federal, State, and local officials to determine that such information on this application is correct and complete including citizenship and alien status of the members applying for benefits. If any information is found to be incorrect, benefits may be reduced or terminated and I will be responsible for paying the benefits back. I declare and affirm under penalties of perjury that this application has been examined by me and to the best of my knowledge and belief is in all things true and correct. I understand I may be subject to criminal prosecution for knowingly providing incorrect information. I have read and understand the legal information and understand my responsibilities and agree to fulfill them. I understand the penalties for giving false information or breaking the rules of the assistance program(s).

Signature of Applicant:	Date
Signature of Authorized Representative:	Date
Signature of Interviewer:	Date

Read the Following Sections Carefully

- As a recipient of Federal financial assistance and a State or local governmental agency, the Department of Social Services does not exclude, deny benefits to, or otherwise discriminate against any person on the ground of race, color, or national origin, or on the basis of disability or age in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs, activities, or services, whether carried out by the Department of Social Services directly or through a contractor or any other entity with which the Department of Social Services arranges to carry out its programs and activities; or on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation or disability in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs, activities, or services when carried out by the Department of Social Services directly or when carried out by sub-recipients of grants issued by the United States Department of Justice, Office on Violence against Women.
- You may file a complaint by contacting: Discrimination Coordinator, Director of DSS Division of Legal Services, 700 Governors Drive, Pierre, SD 57501. (605)773-3305. In accordance with state and federal laws, you may also file a complaint with the following agencies: (1) the South Dakota Division of Human Rights (605)773-3681; (2) U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Services (for discrimination in administering the SNAP (Food Stamp Program) write to Food and Nutrition Services, Mountain Plains Regional Office, Civil Rights Coordinator, 1244 Speer Boulevard, Suite 903, Denver, CO 80204-3585 and the (3) Office of Civil Rights, Jocelyn Samuels, Director, US Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Ave, S.W. Room 509F HHH Bldg, Washington DC 20201.
- **USDA Nondiscrimination Statement**
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.
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 (State or local) 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.
To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Appendix A –Complete if American Indian or Alaska Native and you are requesting Medical Assistance

American Indian or Alaska Native Family Member (AI/AN)

Complete this page if you or family members are American Indian or Alaska Native. Submit this with your Application.

Tell us about your American Indian or Alaska Native family member(s).

American Indians and Alaska Natives can get services from the Indian Health Services, tribal health programs, or urban Indian health programs. They also may Not have to pay cost sharing and may get special monthly enrollment periods. Answer the following questions to make sure your family gets the most help possible.

NOTE: If you have more people to include, make a copy of this page and attach.

	AI/AN PERSON 1	AI/AN PERSON 2	
1. Name (First Name, Middle Name, Last Name)	First	First	
	Middle	Middle	
	Last	Last	
2. Member of a federally recognized tribe?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, tribe name:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, tribe name:	
3. Certain money received may Not be counted for Medicaid or the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP). List any income (amount and how often) reported on your application that includes money from these sources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Per capita payments from a tribe that come from natural resources, usage rights, leases, or royalties • Payments from natural resources, farming, ranching, fishing, leases, or royalties from land designated as Indian trust land by the Department of Interior (including reservations and former reservations) • Money from selling things that have cultural significance 	\$ _____ How often? _____	\$ _____ How often? _____	
AI/AN PERSON 3	AI/AN PERSON 4	AI/AN PERSON 5	AI/AN PERSON 6
First	First	First	First
Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle
Last	Last	Last	Last
Yes <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, tribe name:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, tribe name:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, tribe name:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, tribe name:
\$ _____ How often? _____	\$ _____ How often? _____	\$ _____ How often? _____	\$ _____ How often? _____
AI/AN PERSON 7	AI/AN PERSON 8	AI/AN PERSON 9	AI/AN PERSON 10
First	First	First	First
Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle
Last	Last	Last	Last
Yes <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, tribe name:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, tribe name:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, tribe name:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, tribe name:
\$ _____ How often? _____	\$ _____ How often? _____	\$ _____ How often? _____	\$ _____ How often? _____

****If you have more people living in your home, please complete an additional page****

Appendix B – Health Coverage from Jobs—Complete only if requesting Medial Assistance

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.

If you need help completing this section take this page to the employer who offers coverage to help answer the questions.

Employee information			
First Name	Initial	Last Name	Social Security Number

Employer information		
Employer Name	Employer Identification Number (EIN)	
Employer Address	Employer Phone Number	
City	State	Zip Code
Who Can we Contact about Employee Health Coverage at this Job?		
Phone Number (if different from above)	Email Address	

1. Yes No Are you currently eligible for coverage offered by this employer, or will you become eligible in the next 3 months?

1a. If you're in a waiting or probationary period, when can you enroll in coverage? ____/____/____

List the name(s) of anyone else who is eligible for coverage from this job.

Name(s): _____

Tell us about the health plan offered by this employer.

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

3. 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.

3a. How much would the employee have to pay in premiums for this plan? _____

3b. How often? Weekly Every 2 Weeks Once a month Quarterly Yearly

4. 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.)

4a. How much will the employee have to pay in premiums for that plan? _____

4b. How often? Weekly Every 2 Weeks Once a month Quarterly Yearly

4c. 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).

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

AUTHORIZATION TO FURNISH/RELEASE INFORMATION

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Case Name

Case Number

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I give my consent for any person, agency, or institution to supply information to the Department of Social Services, about me or my family, and to allow inspection and copying of records about me or my family by any representative of the Department.

I authorize the Department to release information to providers, State, or Federal agencies.

I release any person, agency, or institution from any liability to me or my family for supplying such information.

This consent is given only for use by the Department in administration of its benefit programs.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT/RECIPIENT

DATE

SIGNATURE OF SPOUSE/GUARDIAN

DATE

BOX #/STREET ADDRESS

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE

TELEPHONE NUMBER

Economic Assistance Helpful Reminders

PLEASE KEEP THIS SECTION FOR YOUR RECORDS!

Information for SNAP:

- You **must** report to the Department of Social Services (DSS) when
 - Your household income exceeds the maximum amount for your household size **and if**
 - If you or one of your household members is eligible only because of working 20 hours a week and the employment stops or hours decrease to less than 20 hours a week
- If required, you must complete a report form in six months.
- Social Security numbers (SSN) must be provided for all household members over the age of 6 months if you want benefits for the individual. Infants 7 months or older without a SSN must provide proof that a SSN has been applied for or the infant will be ineligible for benefits until the SSN is provided or proof of application is received.
- If eligible, you are entitled to one SNAP benefit per month. If you apply after the 15th of the month, you may receive the first and second months' benefits at the same time.
- If you receive the wrong amount of benefits, you will have to pay them back.
- You cannot receive SNAP benefits and commodities in the same month, unless the commodities are distributed through the Senior Box Program.
- Children receiving SNAP or TANF benefits are automatically eligible for the National School Lunch program if it is offered at the school the child attends.
- If you are age 18-49, able to work but not working, you may only be eligible for benefits for 3 months out of a 36 month time period unless you live with a dependent child under age 18 or other exemption criteria are met.
- If you are able to work, you must register for work and cooperate with work registration requirements. Failure to cooperate will result in disqualification. Quitting a job or voluntarily reducing employment hours may also result in disqualification.
- If receiving TANF, you must cooperate with the TANF work program, or your TANF and/or SNAP benefits may be reduced or stopped.
- All adult household members must read and sign an Authorization to Furnish/Release Information. This form is included in the application packet for the applicant and spouse to sign. If there are other adult household members, additional forms will be furnished.
- Information reported to your Benefits Specialist the first of the month or later will not change benefits until the following benefit month(s).
- You can spend SNAP benefits like cash at authorized stores for food and for edible garden plants or seeds to grow food to eat. You cannot buy alcohol, tobacco, vitamins, medicine, pet food, paper products, or hot foods prepared for immediate consumption with your SNAP benefits.
- You are not allowed to pay for food purchased on credit with SNAP benefits. If you do, you may lose benefits.
- The SD EBT card, benefits, or food purchased with the SD EBT card cannot be sold or traded. It is against the law. If benefits and/or food purchased with SNAP benefits are sold or traded, it will be investigated and if found guilty, a 12 month, 24 month, or permanent disqualification for SNAP will be implemented and the amount of any misused benefits will be required to be repaid. Individuals may also be referred for criminal prosecution which could result in a fine and/or prison time.

- Once you've received your benefits, you can use them right away. We recommend you use your South Dakota EBT (SD EBT) card at least once every 30 days. If your case closes you can still use any benefits remaining in your account for up to 12 months. The card may be used anywhere in the United States.
- The SD EBT card will last for years. It is important to keep the SD EBT card in a safe and secure location. Multiple requests for replacement EBT cards may result in an investigation.
- Funds taken from the SD EBT card must be for the exact amount of the purchase. You should not be charged sales tax on purchases made with SNAP benefits.
- Your case may be subject to a Federal or State audit whether it is active or not.
- If your SNAP case closes, your household may continue to be eligible for other assistance such as TANF and/or Medical.

Information for TANF:

- You must report to DSS when your household income exceeds the maximum amount for your TANF household size.
- A social security number must be provided as a condition of eligibility. Individuals will be ineligible until the SSN is provided or proof of application is received.

Information for Medical programs:

- After approval, for **ALL** questions regarding covered medical services or billing issues – **please call 1-800-597-1603**. You may also refer to the medical recipient handbook.
- After medical approval, to change your primary care provider, you can go on-line at <http://apps.sd.gov/SW96Provider/MMCPSelectionForm.aspx> call your Benefits Specialist **OR** you can stop by your local DSS office to request the change. Remember, your request will not take effect until the 1st of the next month.

General Information for all programs:

- I understand that I must inform my Benefits Specialist if I have been convicted of an Intentional Program Violation (IPV) for any benefit program, whether the conviction was in South Dakota or any other state.
- I understand that I only have to provide immigrant status for individuals asking for or receiving benefits. However, individuals are still required to answer questions and submit verification about income and resources which may affect eligibility and benefits. An individual's immigration status will be verified if he/she applies for and/or receives benefits. Verification will be obtained by BCIS (Bureau of Citizenship & Immigration Services).
- Please make sure we have your most current mailing address because mail from the Department of Social Services is **NOT** forwarded by the Post Office.
- I understand that I will receive a written notice explaining the benefits I will receive. If benefits are denied, changed, suspended, or stopped, the written notice will explain why.
- Information you provide and information obtained by DSS through computer cross-matching with other agencies (Dept. of Labor and Regulation, Internal Revenue Services, Social Security Administration, etc.), employers, financial sources, and other third parties will be used and may be verified when discrepancies are found.
- If you wish to appeal our decision to reduce, deny, or close benefits, you may request a fair hearing by writing any office in the Department of Social Services or send your written request directly to the Office of Administrative Hearings, Kneip Building, 700 Governors Drive, Pierre, SD 57501-2291. **For SNAP only**, you may make your request by calling any local Department of Social Services office or the office of Administrative Hearings at 1-605-773-6851.
- You may complete your application, renewal or 6 month report form online at www.dss.sd.gov/onlineapplication