

**SECTION .0400 – ELECTRONIC BENEFIT TRANSFER (EBT) CARD**

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- (a) The State Division of Social Services shall issue FNS payments through Electronic Funds Transfer (EBT).
- (b) The applicant or recipient shall be informed of the payment option in this Rule at application and reapplication and provided the following information:
- (1) A household that elects to receive FNS payments through an EBT card shall receive an initial EBT card at no cost.
  - (2) A household that requests a replacement EBT card shall be assessed a two dollar fifty cent (\$2.50) fee unless the household can establish that their original EBT card:
    - (A) was lost in the mail or damaged by the card vendor prior to receipt by the FNS household;
    - (B) is being replaced due to a name change on card;
    - (C) was lost due to a natural disaster such as a fire, flood, tornado, earthquake, or hurricane; or
    - (D) was damaged by a retailer or vendor.
  - (3) The fee shall be deducted from the account of the FNS unit.
- (c) Recipients of FNS shall be informed at application and reapplication they may not access or use EBT cards in the following establishments: liquor stores; casinos or gaming establishments; or any establishment that provides adult-oriented entertainment in which performers disrobe or perform in an unclothed state.
- (1) These restrictions apply to all FNS households.
  - (2) Applicants and recipients shall be advised of the restrictions at initial application, reapplication, and redetermination of eligibility.
  - (3) Recipients who use or access FNS in an EBT transaction in any liquor store; any casino or gaming establishment; or any retail establishment that provides adult-oriented entertainment in which performers disrobe or perform in an unclothed state may be subject to penalties as defined by the State Division of Social Services.

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