



SNAP 905-1 ISSUANCE EBT Expungement

Supersedes: SNAP 905-1 (01/01/2017)

Reference: 7 CFR 274.2(i)-(1) and (2)

Overview: SNAP benefits are expunged when 365 days have passed from the last time the client completed a SNAP transaction. **Balance inquiries do not count as a financial transaction.** Benefits are expunged on a “first in, first out” basis.

For example, if a benefit authorization for the month of September 2020 has been available for use by the household for one year, but the household has not accessed this benefit, it must be expunged in September 2021. Only a benefit authorization that has been accessible to the household for one full year is to be expunged. If one or more subsequent benefit authorizations have been available to the household for less than one year for the same household account, **they are not to be expunged.**

To avoid expungement, the client must access their benefits by making a purchase for **any** amount. The 365-day time frame starts over with every financial transaction in the SNAP account.

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