

**ALERT DATE: April 8, 2020**

**This e-mail is being sent to professionals who are interested in receiving benefits updates regarding older adults and people with disabilities.**

Hello! I have some more good news to share! The additional SNAP benefits may be coming sooner to some households! A memo was issued on April 6, 2020 by DHS indicating that the additional benefits would automatically be loaded to Link cards starting Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Since Tuesday is on April 7<sup>th</sup>, not the 8<sup>th</sup>, I am not sure if people received them yesterday on Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> or will be receiving them today, Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Whatever the date, it's really great news as people are getting much needed help!

More than 450,000 households will be receiving additional benefits. All households eligible for the additional benefits will receive them by April 20, 2020. Since SNAP recipients receive their benefits at different times each month, the additional benefits will be loaded to Link cards at different times of the month.

For more information, please read the e-mail I sent out previously below or go to the memo from DHS, "Illinois SNAP Recipients Will Begin Receiving Maximum Benefit Amounts This Week": <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=123680&newssidebar=27893> .