

**Do I have to get my food assistance through WASHCAP?**

Under some circumstances, you may choose to receive Basic Food instead of WASHCAP. Please contact WASHCAP if you have further questions about opting out.

**What do you need to know about Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT)?**

- If you already have a Washington EBT card, you can use it and your current Personal Identification Number (PIN).
- If you don't have an EBT card you can ask us to send a card in the mail. The card should arrive within 5-7 business days.
- You will receive an instruction pamphlet with your EBT card.



**Can you give your EBT card to someone to shop for you?**

- Someone you trust may use your EBT card and PIN number. When the card is used with your PIN number you are authorizing the use.
- You may choose an Alternate EBT Cardholder to shop for you. Alternate cardholders receive a separate EBT card and PIN. If interested in an Alternate EBT Cardholder please contact WASHCAP for more information.

**What are your rights and responsibilities?**

- You have the right to ask for a hearing if you don't agree with a decision we make about your food assistance.
- You are required to report all changes in your situation to your Social Security Administration worker.
- You may also call WASHCAP at 1-877-380-5784 to see if these changes affect your food assistance.



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# WASHCAP

## Washington State Combined Application Project



***What are the benefits of WASHCAP?***

- Your interview for SSI benefits may be your interview for food assistance.
- We will not ask you to fill out a lot of forms.
- You may have a longer certification period.
- You may never have to go to a Department of Social and Health Services office.
- Your food benefits will go into an electronic benefits transfer account. We will send you a card to use when you buy groceries. An EBT card works just like a bank card or debit card.

***How can I get on WASHCAP food assistance?***

You will get WASHCAP when you are approved for food assistance and you:

- Receive SSI.
- Are at least 18 years old.
- Are not married -OR- married but not living with your spouse.
- Are not living with your children under 22 years old;
- Are not working; and
- Live alone or buy and fix your food apart from the other people who live with you.

***How do you report changes?***

Report changes to the Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213.

***What changes do you need to report to Social Security Administration?***

SSA will let you know what changes to report. Some types of changes you may need to report are:

- Income
- Resources
- Marital status
- Living situation

***When will we review your case?***

- When SSA reviews your case, your WASHCAP food assistance may also be recertified during the SSA review.
- If SSA doesn't review your case, we'll send you a form to complete and return before your benefits stop.



***What is the WASHCAP food project?***

WASHCAP is the Washington State Combined Application Project. It is a special food program for some people who receive SSI.

*Please call WASHCAP at 1-877-380-5784 if you have any questions.*