

# SNAP AND TANF NUMBER INFORMATION

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## **Purpose**

To clarify the case numbers for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program that may be accepted for children to receive free meals in the Child Nutrition Programs.

## **Scope**

All institutions participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).

## **Description**

Parents or guardians with children who are members of a currently certified SNAP or TANF household may submit an Application for Free and Reduce-Priced Meals with a valid case number, in lieu of reporting income. Sponsors of the Program must ensure the numbers are valid case numbers.

Households must use their case number from their Eligibility Determination letter. The letter also states the month the household became eligible. SNAP and TANF recipients receive EBT (Electronic Benefit Transfer) cards. This debit type card is called a Hoosier Works card. The numbers on these cards cannot be used to qualify households for meal benefits. SNAP and TANF case numbers have 10 digit numbers that start with a 1 and a 0. The EBT card numbers have sixteen digits.

SNAP/TANF case numbers look the same as Medicaid numbers. Medicaid recipients do not automatically qualify for free or reduced-price meals. It is a good idea to submit all case numbers that you receive to the local Family and Social Services office to make sure they are valid.

## **Sources**

Child and Adult Care Food Program, Policy #17-00