**Dear QIN Members in Grays Harbor & Jefferson County:** If you currently receive SNAP Benefits (food assistance) and the funds are not released after 10/31/25, there will be food vouchers issues to assist.

## To be eligible:

- 1. Must provide proof of SNAP Benefits to include date received and amount.
- 2. Must reside in service area Grays Harbor or Jefferson County.
- 3. Must be a Quinault member and provide proof of enrollment.

To receive the vouchers, proof can be submitted to Kayla Boone or Shawntel Charley at Community Resources (Commodity Bldg.: 166 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Taholah, WA).

## Email docs in advance for quicker review: CRP@quinault.org

Proof can be provided by submitting an award letter. If you do not have an award letter, you can log into your SAW Account through Washington Connections. If you do not have access to a computer, you can go into any of the three TANF Office locations and request access to a computer. Or, you can go into the Aberdeen DSHS Office and request proof.

Vouchers for \$150.00 will be given to be used at any of the three locations: Swansons, Taholah Mercantile, or the Queets Trading Post. Once used, receipts must be submitted, or the household loses access to future distributions. Vouchers will be issued starting tentatively on November 10th at Taholah Resources Bldg. (Commodities) for those deemed eligible.

Should SNAP not resume by November 15, 2025, another \$150.00 may be issued based upon the availability of funds.

For those receiving TANF or New Opportunities, they will be providing food assistance. Contact your caseworker for more information.

- \*\*\*Those that receive SNAP <u>are not</u> eligible for commodities. Please know should you receive SNAP and commodities in the same month, an overpayment may be issued from the Food and Nutrition Program.
- \*\*\*This temporary food voucher distribution <u>does not prohibit</u> those eligible for Emergency Food Vouchers.
- \*\*\*If the government reopens in the month of November, SNAP benefits for the month will be issued.

#### **OPPORTUNITY TO VERIFY SNAP WITH DSHS:**

- 11/3/25 ROGER SAUX HEALTH CLINIC 9:30 AM-3:00 PM
- 11/4/25 QUINAULT WELLNESS CENTER (Aberdeen) 8:30 AM-11:45 & HOQUIAM TANF 1:00 PM-4:00 PM

# **Frequency Asked Questions**

## **SNAP Benefits and QIN Resources**

If I currently receive SNAP Benefits (food assistance) will QIN have any resources for me if the federal government doesn't release funds?

Yes, there will be food vouchers issues to assist QIN Members in Jefferson and Grays Harbor County.

## What do I need to be eligible to receive assistance?

1) Must provide proof of SNAP Benefits.

Proof can be provided by submitting an award letter. If you do not have an award letter, you can log into your SAW Account through Washington Connections. If you do not have access to a computer, you can go into any of the three TANF Office locations and request access to a computer. Or, you can go into the Aberdeen DSHS Office and request proof.

- 2) Must reside in Grays Habor or Jefferson County
- 3) Must be Quinault member or have a Quinault member in the home that benefits from food vouchers. *Must provide a copy or picture of your Tribal ID*.

## Will DSHS be able to assist me with verification of benefits?

Yes, there are two opportunities where DSHS will be available:

- 11/3/25 ROGER SAUX HEALTH CLINIC 9:30 AM-3:00 PM
- 11/4/25 QUINAULT WELLNESS CENTER 8:30 AM-11:45 & HOQUIAM TANF 1:00 PM-4:00 PM

## Where do I receive my voucher or who do I contact?

To receive the vouchers, proof can be submitted to Kayla Boone or Shawntel Charley at Community Resources (Commodity Bldg.: 166 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Taholah, WA). Email: CRP@quinault.org.

For those receiving TANF or New Opportunities, they will be providing food assistance. Contact your caseworker for more information.

## Is there a deadline to submit my proof of SNAP benefits and Tribal ID?

The deadline to submit your documents for a voucher is Thursday, November 13 at 4:30pm.

#### What is the amount of the vouchers and where can I use them?

Vouchers for \$150.00 will be given to be used at any of the three locations: Swansons, Taholah Mercantile, or the Queets Trading Post. Once used, receipts must be submitted, or the household loses access to future distributions.

#### When will the vouchers be issued?

We are still working on a distribution date; however we believe vouchers will be issued starting on November 10th at Taholah Resources Bldg (Commodities) for those deemed eligible.

We will be announcing other distribution locations soon.

### Is this a one-time distribution?

Should SNAP not resume by November 15, 2025, another \$150.00 may be issued based upon the availability of funds.

#### Can I receive SNAP and commodities?

Those that receive SNAP are **not** eligible for commodities. Please know should you receive SNAP and commodities in the same month, an overpayment may be issued from the Food and Nutrition Program.

## Can I receive temporary food vouchers and Emergency Food Vouchers?

Yes, this temporary food voucher does not prohibit those eligible for Emergency Food Vouchers.

## If the federal government reopens in the month of November, will SNAP resume?

Yes. However, the federal government has not decided if the benefits will be back paid to the full month.

## If I live outside of Grays Harbor or Jefferson County, what are my resources?

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