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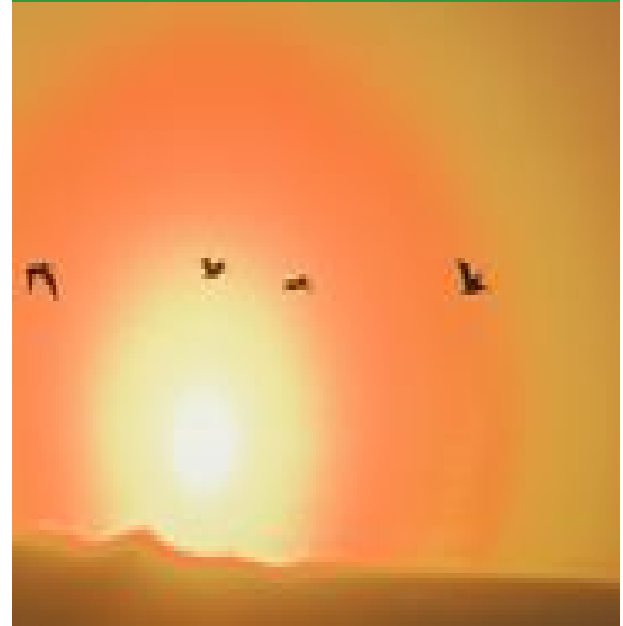
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**Food Assistance
Program**



What is the SUNCAP Food Assistance Program?

The SUNCAP Program is a special Food Assistance Program for individuals who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI). You **may** be eligible to receive Food Assistance through the SUNCAP Program without any additional application, paperwork or interviews.

If you already receive food stamps, you **may** be converted automatically to the SUNCAP Program when you become SSI eligible.

If your Food Assistance benefits will decrease as a result of SUNCAP, you may choose to continue receiving your Food Assistance under the regular Food Assistance Program.

Who is eligible for the SUNCAP Program?

Individuals may be eligible for SUNCAP if they wish to apply for Food Assistance and:

- Receive SSI;
- Are at least 18 years old;
- Are not working; and
- Purchase and prepare food alone.

What are the benefits of the SUNCAP Program?

- Your interview for SSI benefits is your interview for SUNCAP.
- You won't be asked to complete separate forms.
- You won't be asked for additional copies of your personal records.
- You only have to report changes in your situation that are required by the Social Security Administration (SSA).
- You only need to be re certified every four years.
- You will receive an EBT (Electronic Benefit Transfer) card to access your Food Assistance benefits.

EXPEDITED Food Assistance

This program helps low-income households buy food needed for good health. Eligible households receive Food Assistance benefits within 7 days if:

- Your household's countable gross income is less than \$150 and your total liquid assets (such as cash, bank accounts, etc.) do not exceed \$100 in the month you apply for benefits;
- Your household's countable assets and gross monthly income are less than your most recent monthly rent or mortgage and utility expenses; or
- Your household includes destitute migrant or seasonal farm workers.

How do I apply for the SUNCAP Program?

File for SSI at one of the Florida Social Security offices, and Social Security will decide if you are eligible for SUNCAP, or

Be converted to SUNCAP from the regular Food Assistance Program if you get SSI, or

Contact the special SUNCAP unit at 1-866-762-2237

or for hearing or speech impaired, dial **711** to use **Relay** or continue to use:

1-800-955-8770 or 1-800-955-8771(TTY) if you already get SSI, but do not get Food Assistance.



Do I have to get my Food Assistance through SUNCAP?

No, you can choose the regular Food Assistance Program if you:

- Pay more than \$50 a month in out-of-pocket medical expenses; or
- Pay more than \$700.00 per month for rent, mortgage, or property taxes.