

Tennessee Department of Human Services Consolidated SNAP, Families First, and Child Care Assistance Appeal Request

Instructions

Print Off This Form, only if you want to file an appeal (this is a request for a hearing) for SNAP, Families First, or Child Care Assistance. Once printed, fill out the form. Boxes with a red asterisk (*) **must** be filled in. Once you have entered all of your information into the spaces, you must sign and date the form. Once you have signed and dated the form, you should mail it, fax it, or send it to the Tennessee Department of Human Services, Appeals Clerks' Office. Their contact information is at the end of the form.

Name *

| First Name | |
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| Last Name | |
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| Date of Birth * | Social Security Number * |
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| Day Month Year | |
| Home Address * | |
| Address Line 1 | |
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| Address Line 2 | |
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| City | |
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| State | ZIP Code |
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| Mailing Address (If Different from Home Address) | |
| Address Line 1 | |
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| Address | Line | 2 |
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| City |
|---|
| State ZIP Code |
| Telephone Number(s) * |
| E-mail Address |
| Confirm E-mail Address |
| Will you need an Interpreter for the Hearing? * |
| □ Yes □ No |
| What Language? |
| Do you need documents to be translated? * |
| □ Yes □ No |
| What Language? |
| Do you need special accommodations? * |
| □ Sign Language Interpreter □ Reader □ Large Print Documents □ Braille Documents □ TTY □ Other: |
| Which program(s) are you appealing? * |
| Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Families First (TANF) |
| Non-TANF Child Care (Smart Steps, Transitional Child Care, At-Risk Child-Only Child Care, Teer Parent Assistance for Child Care) |
| Will someone else represent or assist you at hearing? * |
| Yes No |

If yes, please tell who will represent or assist you at hearing:

Name of Attorney or Representative

First Name

Last Name

Firm or Business Name

Attorney or Representative Address

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

City

State

ZIP Code

Attorney or Representative Mailing Address (If Different from Business Address)

| Address Line 1 | |
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| Address Line 2 | |
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| City | |
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| State | ZIP Code |
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| Telephone Number(s) | |
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| E-mail Address | |

Attorney's or Representative's Relationship to You

Tell us why you are appealing or what happened that you disagree with (you may attach additional pages) *

For SNAP and Families First appeals, please complete the following:

1. Would you like the appeal hearing to be by Telephone or In-Person? *

□ Telephone □ In-Person

2. Would you like you benefits to continue (if eligible) until the hearing decision is made? *

□ I WANT my SNAP benefits to continue until the hearing decision is made. I understand that if the decision is not in my favor, I may have to pay back the benefits.

□ I WANT my Families First benefits to continue until the hearing decision is made. I understand that if the decision is not in my favor, I may have to pay back the benefits.

□ I DO NOT WANT my benefits to continue until the hearing decision is made.

Complete the following if you are helping someone else fill out this form:

How do you know the person who is appealing? Please check the appropriate box:

□ Parent □ Relative □ Friend □ Legal Guardian or Conservator □ Advocate □ Authorized Representative

□ Doctor or Medical Staff □ Interpreter or Translator □ Other:

Name *

First Name

Last Name

Telephone Number(s)

Signature (Appellant, Attorney, Representative) *

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| Program | Time Limit to Appeal | Time Limit to Appeal and Have Benefits Continued |
|--|--|---|
| SNAP (Food Stamps) | 90 days from the date of the notice. | 10 days from the date of the notice. |
| Families First | 90 days from the date of the notice. | 10 days from the date of the notice. |
| Child Care Assistance (Families First and Non- TANF) | 10 days from the date of notice. | Not Applicable |

What if I have questions?

Please contact the Appeals Clerk's Office:

Tennessee Department of Human Services Appeals and Hearings Division Attn: Appeals Clerk's Office 505 Deaderick Street, 1st Floor Nashville, TN 37243

Email: <u>AppealsClerksOffice.DHS@tn.gov</u> Telephone: (833) 772-8347 Fax: (866) 355-6136 TTY: (800) 270-1349

What problems can I appeal?

For a general list of issues that can be appealed, please visit Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1240-5-3 Fair Hearing Requests and refer to the notice of the Department's action for further information regarding your appeal rights: <u>http://publications.tnsosfiles.com/rules/1240/1240-05/1240-05-03.pdf</u>

For Child Support appeal questions visit:

https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/human-services/hs/hs-2997.pdf

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You may also contact the Tennessee Department of Human Services, Office of General Counsel, Compliance Officer, James K. Polk Building, 505 Deaderick Street, Nashville, TN 37243, (615) 313-4700.