

Is your child enrolled in Medicaid?

If so, they may be eligible for the new SUN Bucks food assistance program!



Beginning this summer, SUN Bucks will provide families with a one-time payment of \$120 in food assistance benefits per eligible child. Benefits will be issued on debit-like cards that can be used to buy healthy food at grocery stores, farmers markets, and some online retailers. SUN Bucks is a new program that will provide grocery-buying benefits to qualifying families with school-aged children during the summer months when schools are on summer break.

▶ Who qualifies for SUN Bucks through Medicaid participation?

As a baseline requirement, a child must: 1) Have an active Medicaid case at any point between July 1, 2023 and August 31, 2024 **AND** 2) Have a household income at or below 185% of the Federal Poverty Line.

In addition to this, the child must meet **at least one** of the following to automatically qualify for SUN Bucks:

- The child attends a school that participates in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) or Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), **OR**
- The child is aged 7 to 16 years old at any time between July 1, 2023 – August 31, 2024.

Children who automatically qualify do not need to complete a SUN Bucks application.

If a child does not automatically qualify for SUN Bucks through Medicaid, they may still be eligible. Visit www.ncdhhs.gov/sunbucks for more information and to see if the child qualifies. To find out if a school participates in NSLP or CEP, use the SUN Bucks 2024 School Search tool at www.ncdhhs.gov/sunbucks-schoolsearch.

▶ When and how will benefits be issued?

SUN Bucks issuances will occur on a rolling basis from mid-June through September as new children are determined eligible.

Children who qualify for SUN Bucks through Medicaid will be mailed a SUN Bucks card to the address associated with their Medicaid case. There are two exceptions:

- **If a child has both Medicaid and an active Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) case**, their SUN Bucks benefits will be loaded onto their existing FNS card.
- **If a child has Medicaid and is in foster care**, a SUN Bucks card will be mailed to the child's county DSS office. The child's caseworker will help get the card to the child.

▶ Stay updated on SUN Bucks!

Visit www.ncdhhs.gov/sunbucks for more information and Frequently Asked Questions. Follow @NCDHHS on Instagram and X (Twitter), and "NC Department of Health and Human Services" on Facebook ([Facebook.com/ncdhhs](https://www.facebook.com/ncdhhs)) to stay in the loop for important program updates and announcements.

To contact a SUN Bucks customer representative, families can dial **1-866-719-0141** and **press option 2**.



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