Application for Public Assistance State of Colorado Departments of Health Care Policy and Financing and Human Services

Please check the programs you want:

Food	Food Assistance – Helps you buy food. You have the right to file your application today. You can complete your name, address, and signature and turn this form in to the county office where you live. An interview is required. Benefits begin from the date the office receives your signed application. A decision will be made as quickly as possible, but no later than 30 days from the date the office receives your signed application. If expedited assistance is denied, you may ask for an informal hearing.	
S	Colorado Works – For households with a child or a pregnant mother. Provides a cash benefit to families in need. With a few exceptions, parents must participate in work activities. You will be required to work with or receive Child Support Services.	
Program	Aid to the Needy Disabled Colorado Supplement to SSI (AND-CS) – Colorado Supplement provides an additional cash supplement to those persons not receiving the full SSI grant.	
Cash F	Aid to the Needy Disabled and Aid to the Blind (AND-SO) – For persons ages 18-59 who are totally disabled for at least six months or persons under age 59 who meet the definition of blindness. Provides a cash benefit.	
	Old Age Pension (OAP) – For low income persons age 60 or over. Provides a cash benefit and may include medical assistance.	

Home Care Allowance (HCA) – For persons who need help on a regular basis with some or all of their daily self-care (such as bathing, dressing, eating, getting around, and using the bathroom) or who need 24 hour supervision in a non-medical facility. Provides a cash benefit that must be used to pay the provider for services. A functional assessment is required.							
Personal Needs Allowance (PNA) – For persons residing in a nursing home who have income less than \$50 per month for personal needs.							
Medical	 Medical Free or low-cost insurance from Medicaid or the Child Health Plan <i>Plus</i> Program (CHP+). Affordable private health insurance plans that offer comprehensive coverage to help you stay well. A new tax credit that can immediately help pay your premiums for health coverage. 						

Your Legal FIRST Name	Middle Initial	Legal LAST Name		MAIDEN Name				ity	Date of Birth
					-	-			
Home Address Street)	(Number,	City		State		ZIP	Phone Number Leave blank if you do not have one		
Mailing Address from Home Add	\	City		State		ZIP	Other Phone Number		
Do You Speak and Read English? □Yes No□		Are You Homeless?				Are You Colorado	a Resident of o?		
If No, What Lan You Speak?	If No, What Language(s) Do		□Yes No□			□Yes No□			

Under penalties of perjury, I state that I have examined this application, and to the best of my knowledge and belief my answers are true, including household composition, citizenship and non-citizenship information, and I have listed all amounts and sources of income and property I receive/own. If I am declaring an Authorized Representative, by signing below, I allow this person to sign my application, get official information about this application, and act for me on all future matters with this agency. I read, understand, and agree to "What I Should Know."

Your Signature	Date	Spouse's/ Co-Applicant Signature, if Applying (Not Required for Food Assistance)	Date
Authorized Representative, Conservator, Guardian Printed Name	Date	Authorized Representative, Conservator, Guardian Printed Name	Date
Authorized Representative Signature	Date	Authorized Representative Signature	Date
Person Who Helped Complete Application		Address/Phone	Date

by standard mail	you prefer?
Paper notices	An e-mail with a link to view my notices sent to:

We can send links that allow you to view electronic notices about your case. You may

Instructions: List EVERYONE LIVING IN YOUR HOME, Even if You Are Not Applying for Them. Use More Paper if Necessary. If you are a non-citizen who has a SPONSOR, list the

Sponsor's information here, including their SSN.

Rela- tion to You	Legal Name (First, Middle, Last)	D/YY)	Female (M/F)	Does This Person Want Benefits ?	Single, Divorced, Separated Widowed	This is volun and health c	tary for foo overage. R s optional, d is to ensu provided re	will not affect ure that egardless of
Self	My Name is on Page 1	My Birth Date is on Page 1 *State:		□Yes □No		My SSN is on Page 1		□Yes □No

Rela- tion to You	e, Last) and (N		Person	Single, Divorced, Separated Widowed	Optional for People Not Applying. This is voluntary for food assistance and health coverage. Race information is optional, will not affect eligibility, and is to ensure that benefits are provided regardless of race/color/national origin.		
	Birth State		?		Social Security Number (SSN)**	Race***	US Citizen or US National
Person 2	/ / *State:		□Yes □No				□Yes □No
Person 3	/ / *State:		□Yes □No				□Yes □No
Person 4	/ / *State:		□Yes □No				□Yes □No

Rela- tion to You	Legal Name (First, Middle, Last)	D/YY)	Female	Person	Single, Divorced, Separated Widowed	This is volur and health c	itary for foo overage. R s optional, d is to ensu provided re	will not affect ure that egardless of
Person 5		/ / *State:		□Yes □No				□Yes □No

^{*}Optional for Food Assistance

^{**}For programs other than Food Assistance and health coverage, you must give your SSN if you are applying. You don't have to give it if you are not applying but if you do, it may speed up the application process. We use SSNs to check income and other information to see who's eligible for help with health coverage costs. If someone wants help getting an SSN, call 1-800-772-1213 or visit socialsecurity.gov. TTY users should call 1-800-325-0778.

^{***} Race options include: Asian –A; Hispanic/Latino – H; American Indian/Alaskan Native - AI; White – W; Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander- NH; Black/African American. – B; Other – O.

Do Any of the in the Home H			If Yes , Have ` Support from Outside the H	You Tried to Get Medical the Child's Parent Living lome?	□Yes □No
Name of Parent	Address	Phone	For Which Child	an Provide	

Including Yourself, How Many People in Your Home Do You Buy and Prepare Food for?	Do You Pay Any Heating or Cooling Costs? ☐Yes \$/month ☐No	Did You Receive LEAP Last Year at Your Current Address? No
Total Money My Household Expects to Get This Month (Before Deductions).	\$ Do You Pay for Electricity? ☐Yes \$/month ☐No	Do You Pay for Phone Service? Yes \$/month No
If You Are Supposed to Pay Rent or Mortgage, Write the Amount.	\$ Do You Pay for Water? ☐Yes \$/month ☐No	Do You Pay for Sewer? ☐Yes \$/month ☐No
Total Cash on Hand and Money in Your Checking/Savings Accounts.	\$ Do You Pay for Garbage Service? Yes \$/month	Other Utility Expenses. Type: Amount: \$/month

Is Anyone in the Home a Migrant or Seasonal Farm Worker?			□Yes No□	Home Insurance/Property Taxes/HOA Fees	\$
Did Anyone in the Home Get Benefits in Another State in the Last 30 Days?		home has I hous incor	e is a migrant ess than \$100 ehold has les ne per month,	or seasonal farm wor of in cash on hand and of than \$100 in assets of OR if your monthly s	•

Is Anyone in the Home Pregnant?			□Yes	No 🗖	If yes	, please comple	te below.
			hat is the Due ate?			How Many Babies Are Expected?	
List the Nar of the Fathe						•	

Does Anyone in Your Home		` ` ` ` ` ` ` ` ` ` ` ` ` ` ` ` ` ` ` `			
Have a Disability? If Yes, Please	☐Yes No☐	Self-Care Activities? (Such as Bathing,			
List the Name Below.		Dressing, Eating, Using the Bathroom)			
Who?		□Yes No□			
Who?		□Yes No□			

condition	Does anyone have a medical or developmental condition that has lasted, or is expected to last, morthan 12 months?							☐Yes No☐ If yes, who?			
Have You or Anyone in the Home Applied for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Other Social Security Benefits?						□Yes	s No 🗆	No If yes, please complete belo			mplete below.
Who		What program?	□ SSI	Date (/	/ /		ication us	□ Pending □ Approved □ Denied □ Appealed
Who		What program?	□ SSI	SSI Date Applic			/	/	Application Status		□ Pending □ Approved □ Denied □ Appealed
If No , has anyone who is disabled ever received SSI or SSDI?				□Y	′es □No	o S	If yes, SI or S			/	/

Is Anyone Who is Applying for Benefits a Non- Citizen?				U.S. Cit complet	tizenship te below.	clude a copy of the front and ba and Immigration Services card nonsor, please provide that in	l and
Name of Non-Citizen				Sponsor(s)' SSN, Name,			
Alien Number				Address Number	s, Phone		
Does the Non-Citizen Live with His or Her Sponsor?		□Y	es No 🗆	□Yes No □			
Document Type such as I-94,				-	ouse or p S military	arent a veteran or an active-?	□Yes No □
		cume numb			Has this 1996?	person lived in the US since	□Yes No □

Name of Non-Citizen			Sponsor(s)' SSN, Name, Address,					
Alien Number			Phone Number					
Does the Non- Live with His of Sponsor?			s No 🗖	Does the Non-Citizen Receive Free Room and Board?			□Yes No □	
Document Type, such as I-94,	Is the non-citizen's spouse or duty member of the LIS military				arent	a veterar	n or an active-	□Yes No □
	Document I	ID		Has this since 19	•	□Yes No □		
Is Anyone in the Home currently in Foster Care or Has Ever Been in Foster Care?						es No 🗆	If ves. please o	complete below.

When?

When?

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Age?

Age?

Who?

Who?

INCOME Use More Paper if There is Not Enough Room for Your Answers on This Application.

Is Anyone Working?	□Yes □No	deduct	ions) or p	ro	of of emplo	month of income (before taxes and syment. If you did not provide your se include proof of your employment.
INCLUDE Spelives out of the CURRENT JO of Person Whe	e home.)B 1: N	ame	even if the	e S	Sponsor	 Complete this box if: Anyone has a Home Business; or Anyone sells things online on
Employer Nar	ne and	Phone r	number			websites such as eBay or craigslist ; or • Anyone is Self-Employed ; or if
Monthly Wages/Tips (Before Taxes	·):	Average Worked Week				anyone earns money by babysitting, donating plasma, or selling goods such as make-up or
How Often is Person Paid?						kitchenware. (questions on next page)
□Hourly □Twice		•	□Every 2 nthly □		veeks early	
Is This Job Co and Expected Months?			an 3	ΞY	∕es No□	

					Who is Self- Employed?		
CURRENT JOB 2 of Person Who is					Name of Business		
Employer Name a	and Phone	number			Is Business a Corporation or LLC?		□Yes□ No
					Last Month's Income	s Gross	\$
Monthly Wages/Tips (Before Taxes):		verage Hours orked Each Week			Utilities Paid Business	d for	\$
How Often is This Person Paid?					Business Ta	axes Paid	\$
□Hourly □ □Twice a m	•	•	2 weeks ⊒Yearly		Interest Paid Business Lo		\$
Is This Job Considerand Expected to L. Months?			□Yes No□	ם ב	Gross Busin Costs	ess Labor	\$
CURRENT JOB 3	B: Name				Cost of Mei Business	rchandise for	\$
of Person Who is Employer Name a		number			Other Busin Please desc		\$
							\$

Monthly Wages/Tips (Before Taxes):		Average Hours Worked Each Week			\$		
How Often is The Person Paid?	is				\$		
□Hourly □Twice a m	•	y □Every 2 we □Monthly □Ye			\$		
Is This Job Cons Expected to Last			□Yes □ No		\$		
Complete if Any New Job: Name of Person to receive incom	who is g	he Home Is Star	ting a	Total Income (Net Income)	\$		
Employer Name	and Pho	ne number		Signature of Person Who Has This Income.			
Date this person	will start	new job:					
Monthly wages/t	ips (befo	re taxes):					
How often will th	is persor	n be paid?		For Any Other Inco	ome, Use More		
□Hourly □Twice a m	□Weekly nonth □	,		Paper if There is Not Enough Room for Your Answers on This			
Is This Job Cons Expected to Last		-	□Yes □No	Application.			

Has Anyone in the Home Quit or Lobo in the Past 30 days?	ost a	□Yes	No□	If yes, please complete below.		
Name of Person Who Quit or Lost a	Job: E	Employer Name and Phone number:				
Start and End Date of Job:						
Monthly Wages/Tips (Before Taxes):						
Date and Amount of Your Last Paych	neck:					
How Often Was This Person Paid?		Hourly Twice a		□Weekly □Every 2 weeks □ □Monthly □Yearly		

Does Anyone Have Other Income?	□Yes No□	If yes, ched	eck all that apply and complete below						
 Unemployment Benefits Child Support Retirement/ Pension Social Security Benefits 	SSISurvivorBenefitsSSDIVeteransBenefits	VeteranWidowDividendsInterestAlimonyLoans/Gin		 Worker's Compensate Disability Benefits Financial Public Assistance 		Railroad Retirement Rental II In-Kind II (working for Other Care	nt ncome Income or rent) ash		
Person Getting Money	Money From	Monthly Amount \$ \$	Per	0	Mone	y From	Amount \$		
		\$					\$		

Sum Payment? Social Security,	no is Applying Received a (Lawsuit or Insurance Settles SSI, SSDI, Veterans, Inheringity, or Life Insurance, Other	□Yes □No	If yes, please	complete below.	
Who	When Received	Type of	Lump Su	ım	Amount
					\$
Who	When Received	Type of	Lump Su	ım	Amount
					\$

Does Anyone Pay Interest, Child Su Food Assistance E Insurance Premiur	If yes, please complete below.				
Expense	Who Pays Expense	Who it is for	Their date of birth	Month	Amount Paid
					\$
					\$
					\$

	Does Anyone in the Home Attend High Schoo Vocational, Trade School, or College?					If ye	es, please comple ow.	ete
Name of Person	Name of School		Expector of Gra			Enrollment Status		
						□На	alf Time Full Tin	ne 🗆
						□На	alf Time Full Tin	ne 🗆
						□На	alf Time Full Tin	ne 🗆
out of the Ho	Household Memome in a Medical me, Hospital, a Medical a Group Home)?	Facility (such		□Y	′es No⊑		yes, please com _l elow.	olete
Name of	Date Entered	Name of Fa	acility				Phone	
rtairio oi								
Person								

Are You Applying for Food Assistance or Colorado Work	ks?	□Yes	s No 🗆	If yes, please complete below		
1. Have You or Any Member of Been Convicted of Fraudulently Duplicate Food Assistance Bern State After 9/22/1996? Yes 12. Are You or Any Member of Your Running from the Law to Avon Being Taken into Custody, Goin Felony Crime or Attempted Felony Crime or Attempted Felony Crime or Any Member of Your Now 13. Have You or Any Member of Convicted of a Felony Under Felony Convicted of a Felony Under Felony Controlled Drug Substance (Felony Conviction) or for a Crime While Influence of a Controlled Drug Selection of Selection of Selection or Selection or Selection of Selection o	F Your Hoy Receiving to Jail ony Crime ony Drug Under the	ing Any e Hiding cution, for a e, or ion? ne Bee State of a	Home Selling than 5. Has Home Assis Amm 9/22/6. Has Home Required T. Has Hous Disquired Violate	e Been Cong Food As \$500 After tive You or the Been Congress tance Bern tions, End tive You or the Been Congress tive You or the Hold Application or Been tion or Been	Any Member of Your onvicted of Buying or ssistance Benefits for More 9/22/1996? Yes No Any Member of Your onvicted of Trading Food nefits for Guns, Explosives, or Drugs After Yes No Any Member of Your onvicted of a Felony? (Only colorado Works) Any Member of Your olying for Assistance Been an Intentional Program on Convicted of Welfare of Convicted C	
Has Anyone in the Home						
Been in the Military?	□Yes	NoU	If Yes,	Who?		

Burial/Funeral Costs, Would You Prefer:	Cremation	Burial	No Preference						
Affidavit of Lawful Presence									
If You Are Applying for Colorado Works Everyone in Your House Over 18 Needs to Complete and Sign. If You Are Applying for Aid to the Needy Disabled, (AND-CS or AND-SO), Old Age Pension, or Home Care Allowance You Need to Complete and Sign.									
Are You a Citizen of the United States Yes Nou If No, Are You a Legal Permanent Resident of the United States? Yes Nou I Am Lawfully Present in the United States Pursuant to Federal Law Yes Nou									
I understand this sworn statement is required benefit. I understand that state law requires rethe United States prior to receipt of this public fictitious, or fraudulent statement or represent the criminal laws of Colorado as perjury in the Statute 18-8-503 and it shall constitute a separate benefit is fraudulently received.	ne to provide p benefit. I furth ation in this sw second degree	roof that I a ner admit the orn affidav e under Co	am lawfully present in nat making a false, vit is punishable under plorado Revised						

Date

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Signature

Affidavit of Lawful Presence							
If You Are Applying for Colorado Works <u>Everyone in Your House Over 18</u> Needs to Complete and Sign. If You Are Applying for Aid to the Needy Disabled (AND-CS or AND-SO), Old Age Pension, or Home Care Allowance You Need to Complete and Sign.							
Are You a Citizen of the United States "Yes No" If No, Are You a Legal Permanent Resident of the United States? "Yes No"							
I Am Lawfully Present in the United States Pursuant to Federal Law ☐Yes No☐							
I understand this sworn statement is required by law because I have applied for a public benefit. I understand that state law requires me to provide proof that I am lawfully present in the United States prior to receipt of this public benefit. I further admit that making a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation in this sworn affidavit is punishable under the criminal laws of Colorado as perjury in the second degree under Colorado Revised Statute 18-8-503 and it shall constitute a separate criminal offense each time a public benefit is fraudulently received.							
Signature Date							

Does Anyone Have Any of the Following:				List everything below.				
 Cash Checking and Saving Accounts Certificates of Deposits (CD) Annuities 		InherPASSIndividual	elopment	AccStocBonTrus	ds sts missory	 Education Accounts Property (Land, Homes) 401 (K) Proceeds from Sale of Home(s) Other resources 		
	What Do They		Amount	Person 'Has It		What Do They Have	Amount	
			\$				\$	
			\$				\$	
			\$				\$	
			\$				\$	

	e Own a Car, Truck RV, or Trailer?	lo 🗖	List them belov	/ .		
Person Who Owns It	Make/Model and Year	erson Who wns It	Make Year	e/Model and	Value	
		\$				\$
		\$				\$
		\$				\$

Has Anyone Given Away Anything of									
Value of	r Sold Anything for Le Value in the Last Five	ess than Fa	air	□Yes	s No 🗆		what was so whelow.	old c	r given
Person Who Gave It Away or Sold It	What was Given Away or Sold and When	Value	Wh Gav Awa	rson no ve It ray or Id It	What was		en Away or		lue
		\$						\$	
	ne Buying or Does An y, House, Rental Prope				in, Yes	List	t them belo	W.	
Person Who is Buying/ Owns	Address or Property Description	Value	Wh	rson no is ying/ /ns	Address Description		perty	Val	lue
		\$						\$	
Does A	nyone Have Life Insur	rance Poli	cies'	?	☐Yes No	0 🔲	List policie	es be	elow.
	Company and Policy Nu					_		alue	
Who	Company and Policy Nu		□Rev	ocable [⊒Irrev	vocable Va	alue	\$	

Does Anyone Have Burial Insurance Policies?		□Yes No □ List policies below.						
Who	Company and Policy N	□Revocable □Irrevocable	Value \$					
Who	Company and Policy N	□ Revocable □ Irrevocable	Value \$					
Health	one Enrolled in Coverage Now from Illowing?	☐Yes. If yes, complete the following section. ☐No. If no, skip this section.						
□ Med	dicaid	Name:						
□ Chil (CHP+	d Health Plan <i>Plus</i> -)							
□ Med	dicare	Name:						
	CARE (Do not check if ave direct care of Line	if Name:						

□ VA Health Care Programs	Name: Policy Number:							
☐ Peace Corps	Name:	_						
□ Employer Insurance	Name:	home have						
Name:								
Do you live with at least one child under the age of 19, and are you the								
main person taking care of this child?								

Instructions: Please complete for yourself, your spouse/partner, and children who live with you and/or anyone on your same federal income tax return if you file one. If you don't file a tax return, remember to still add family members who live with you. (Use More Paper if Necessary)

Do You Plan to File a Federal Income Tax Return NEXT YEAR?	☐Yes. If yes, questions 1-3 ☐No. If no, ar question 3		You can still apply for Medicaid, CHP+, on the health insurance even if you do not file federal income tax return.		
1. Will you file jointly with a spouse?	□Yes No □		olease list full ame of spouse		
2. Will you claim any dependents on your tax return?	□Yes No □		ist full legal f dependents		
3. Will you be claimed as	□Yes No □	_	ist full legal f the tax filer		
a dependent on someone's tax return?		How are you related to the tax filer?			

Does Anyone Else in the Home Plan to File a Federal Income Tax Return NEXT YEAR?		□Yes. If ye questions 1 □No. If no, question 3	-3	You can still apply for Medicaid, CHP+, or health insurance even if you do not file a federal income tax return.		
Name						
1. Will they file jointly with a spouse?		Yes No 🗆	If yes , please name of spo	e list full legal use		
2. Will they claim any dependents on their tax return?		Yes No 🗖	If yes , list ful dependents	I legal name of		
3. Will they be claimed			If yes, list ful	I legal name of the		
as a dependent on someone's tax return?		Yes No 🗆	How are they filer?	y related to the tax		

Does Anyone Else in the Home Plan to File a Federal Income Tax Return NEXT YEAR?	questions	o, answer	You can still apply for Medicaid, CHP+, or health insurance even if you do not file a federal income tax return.		
Name					
1. Will they file jointly with a spouse?	□Yes □No	If yes , please name of spou			
2. Will they claim any dependents on their tax return?	□Yes □No	If yes , list full dependents	legal name of		
3. Will they be claimed as a	□Yes	If yes , list full legal name of the tax filer			
dependent on someone's tax return?	□No	How are they related to the tax filer?			

What I Should Know

PLEASE KEEP THIS FOR YOUR INFORMATION

By completing and signing the State of Colorado Application for Public Assistance and other documents required to determine whether I'm eligible for public assistance benefits AND by accepting benefits that I am eligible to receive, I understand the following information and agree to the following requirements:

I must tell the truth; it is a crime to lie on this application.

I may have to give papers that show what I've told you is true.

I may have to tell you of any changes to the information I gave you on my application.

If I think you made a mistake, I can ask for an appeal or fair hearing.

The department will not discriminate.

The department will confirm citizenship and immigration status for everyone applying for benefits.

The department will tell you if your benefits change.

The department will take back any benefits you should not have received.

- 1. The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) is the state agency responsible for Medical Assistance Programs in Colorado. The Department of Human Services is the state agency responsible for the other public assistance programs. The County Departments of Human/Social Services and Medical Assistance Sites are the agencies that receive and process applications for all public assistance programs. In this statement, the term "department" is used to refer to all agencies.
- 2. I must give the department all needed proof and documents before qualifying for benefits.
- 3. The information I give on the application and in the application interview is confidential. But, the department can use or share the information with other program(s) that any of my family members are getting or are applying for. The information can only be used for purposes of treatment, payment, determining eligibility, and other program and administrative operations, or other purposes permitted by law for my family members or me.

- 4. It is a crime to lie on the application or to take benefits that I know that my family and I are not eligible to receive and I may be subject to criminal prosecution for knowingly providing false information. Giving false information may be punished by a fine of up to \$250,000 or a jail term of up to 20 years, or both.
- 5. A person found to have intentionally given false information cannot get food assistance and/or Colorado Works/TANF for 12 months for the first offense, 24 months for the second offense, and permanently for the third offense. A court can also stop a person from getting food assistance for another eighteen months. This crime is subject to prosecution under other state and federal laws. Receiving duplicate benefits of food assistance by lying about identity or residence will result in a 10 year disqualification for the first and second offense and a permanent disqualification for the third offense.

- 6. The department will notify me in writing of how and when to tell the department of any changes.
- 7. If I do not tell the truth on my application or if information is left off of the application, or if I do not report changes to the department, as required, I may lose my assistance, and I may have to pay the department for the assistance received when I was not eligible. If I have to pay back money to the department, I understand that state or federal salaries, rebates, or tax refunds that would be received by me or another person on this application may be taken.
- 8. The law says the department must check the immigration status and citizenship for anyone who is applying. They will not check immigration status of family members who are not applying for benefits. I may be requested to give proof of non-citizen registration documentation received from the United States Citizen and Immigration Service (USCIS) for every non-citizen member in my house who is applying for benefits. The department will confirm information with USCIS and any information received from USCIS may affect my
- eligibility and benefits. Federal law (Public Law 97-98) requires me to give the department the Social Security number and/or alien registration number of all persons who are applying for public assistance. I must also provide the Social Security number and/or alien registration number for all sponsors. For adult financial programs, sponsor information will be confirmed with USCIS and the information received from USCIS may affect sponsor repayment for my eligibility and benefits. My sponsor and I may be responsible for reimbursing the state for benefits that I receive.
- 9. I do not have to be a U.S. citizen to apply for assistance. Please do not let the fear about immigration status stop you from seeking benefits for your family.
- 10. If I am a resident of an institution and jointly applying for SSI and food assistance prior to leaving the institution, the filing date of the application is my date of release from the institution. Processing time will begin from the date the application is received in the food assistance office.

11. Privacy Act Information: The department is authorized to collect information on the application, including Social Security numbers and will confirm information that may affect initial or ongoing eligibility and payments for all persons listed on my application. I am allowing the department to use Social Security numbers and other information from my application to request and receive information or records to confirm the **information in my application.** Food assistance will be denied to individuals that do not provide a Social Security number, and Social Security numbers will be used and disclosed in the same manner for both eligible and ineligible members. I release the department from all liability for sharing this information with other agencies for this purpose. For example, the department may get and share information with any of the following agencies: Social Security Administration; Internal Revenue Service; United States Customs and Immigration Services; Colorado Department of Labor and Employment; Financial institutions (banks, savings and loans, credit unions, insurance companies, landlords, leasing agents, etc.); child support

enforcement agencies; employers; courts; and other federal or state agencies; and for food assistance, law enforcement officials for the purposes of apprehending persons fleeing to avoid the law.

If a food assistance over-payment occurs against my household, the information on this application, including all Social Security numbers, may be referred to Federal and State agencies, as well as private claims collection agencies for claims collection action.

12. The EBT (or Quest) card is used to pay me most of my public assistance benefits. I cannot trade or sell EBT cards. I cannot use or have in my possession EBT cards that are not mine. Unless I have an authorized representative, I cannot let someone else use my EBT card. I can only let my authorized representative use my EBT card.

- 13. For food assistance, I can name someone to be my representative. I must do this in writing. The person I designate to be my authorized representative may help me apply for assistance, get my benefits, and use my benefits to buy food for me. I may name one person to help me with each separate task or I may name one person to help me with all of these tasks.
- 14. If I think the department made a mistake, I can ask for a Fair Hearing. The department will tell me in writing how to make an appeal. I can ask for a Fair Hearing either verbally or in writing. My case may be presented by a member of my household or my representative, such as legal counsel, friend, or relative. I may request an appeal for any action on any program except for the CHP+ program.
- 15. If I think the CHP+ program made a mistake, I can ask for an appeal. CHP+ tells me about how to make an appeal in writing.
- 16. Colorado Works is Colorado's TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) program. It is not an entitlement program and benefits are not guaranteed. Each county has the authority to

- determine eligibility requirements and benefit levels. To remain eligible, I may be required to complete an assessment and develop a plan. Unless exempted, I will be required to participate in work readiness activities.
- 17. As an applicant for Colorado Works, I am required to assign all rights to child support that may be received on my behalf or for those in my household that I am applying for. This assignment starts when I am determined eligible and will continue until my Colorado Works benefits end. If I do not do this or refuse to cooperate with Child Support Enforcement at the time I apply or while receiving cash assistance through Colorado Works, without good cause, I will not receive assistance or a basic cash assistance grant for my family.
- 18. If I am an adult between the ages of 18 and 49, with no children under the age of 18 in my food assistance house, I will only be able to get food assistance benefits for three months during the next three years unless: I work in a job 80 hours each month and report that information to Employment First; or I work my assigned hours at

my Employment First office, including *Workfare* or the Employment First work program; or I am determined to be physically or mentally unable to work; or the food assistance office tells me that I am exempt. As long as I do one of these activities each month, I will be able to receive food assistance benefits if I am otherwise eligible.

19. I understand and agree that to receive food assistance, certain members of the household need to register for work. This means that certain members of the household must: A) Report to the Employment First (work program) when the food assistance office schedules you for an appointment. B) Comply with the instructions the Employment First (work program) gives you including reporting for all scheduled appointments and following through on the written agreements you sign. C) Provide information to the food assistance office or the Employment First (work program) about any jobs you get while you are on food assistance. D) Tell the food assistance office or the Employment First (work program) if you are not able to work – you will be asked to provide verification; work any workfare hours you are assigned; go to job

interviews arranged for you. Anyone who does not follow the work requirements may be disqualified from receiving food assistance.

20. I must cooperate fully with state and federal staff if my case is reviewed. My information on this application may be reviewed and confirmed by the department, or its representatives. My house will not be eligible for food assistance if I refuse to cooperate with any review of my case, including a quality control review.

21. I cannot use food assistance benefits to buy nonfood items, such as alcohol or cigarettes. I can be disqualified for using food assistance to pay for items purchased on credit. A person found guilty of using food assistance benefits to illegally purchase or receive controlled substances shall be disqualified for two years for a first offense and permanently for a second offense. Individuals found by a Federal, State, or local court to have used or received benefits in a transaction involving the sale of firearms, ammunition, or explosives shall be permanently ineligible to

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receive food assistance upon the first occasion of such violation.

22. Trafficking food assistance means knowingly transferring benefits to another person who does not use or does not intend to use them for the benefit of the household to whom the benefits were issued. The buying, selling, or transferring of food assistance benefits or Electronic Benefit Transfer Card for cash or consideration other than 24. I can ask for food assistance apart from asking be considered trafficking. A person who traffics in food assistance benefits shall include any person who knowingly acquires, accepts, uses, or transfers to another for consideration, food assistance benefits not issued to him or her or to a household of which he or she is a member or for which he or she is an authorized representative. An individual convicted by a Federal, State, or local court of having trafficked benefits for an aggregate amount of \$500 or more shall be permanently ineligible to receive food assistance upon the first occasion of such violation.

- 23. If I do not report and provide proof of rent, mortgage, housing fees, property insurance, property taxes, court ordered child support payments, child or adult care, and medical expenses paid by people in my household who are elderly or who have a disability, I am stating that I do not want that specific deduction used to determine my food assistance benefit amount.
- eligible food or the intent to commit such act shall for benefits from other programs. My eligibility for food assistance will be determined apart from any other programs. The food assistance office shall process all food assistance applications in accordance with food assistance timeliness, noticing, and fair hearing requirements, even if I am applying for other programs.
 - 25. Colorado residents who have a qualifying disability, such as persons receiving SSI or SSDI benefits, or residents who are at least 65 years of age (or a surviving spouse age 58 or older) might also qualify for a Property Tax/Rent/Heat Rebate from the Department of Revenue. Visit www.TaxColorado.com and click on the PTC button

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at the top of the page or call 303-238-7378 for details.

Domestic violence information and services are available to me. If I ever feel I am in immediate danger I should call 911. If I would like to receive information regarding safety and services in Colorado, I will call the Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence at 303-831-9632 or toll free at 1-888-778-7091. I may also find the location of services near me by going to www.colorado.gov/cdhs/dvp. The National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1–800–799–SAFE (7233) or TTY 1–800–787–3224 or ndvh.org can also provide information. If I am a survivor of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking the Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) can provide me with a legal substitute address to use instead of my real address for use with state and local government agencies. I can find out more about ACP at acp.colorado.gov. If I need or receive either of these services, I should tell my department worker because it will allow him or her to provide better service and assistance to me.

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