DC: Public Benefits Extension and Continued Access

Description of Program and Relief

As part of the COVID-19 Response Emergency Amendment Act of 2020, the Council of the District of Columbia has granted Mayor Bowser the power to extend the eligibility period for individuals receiving benefits and the timeframe for determinations of new applications, as well as the power to take any other actions the Mayor deems appropriate to support the continuity of, and access to, any public benefit program. Affected programs include, but are not limited to, the DC Healthcare Alliance and Immigrant Children’s program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), and the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP).

While the Mayor had not taken specific action with respect to public benefits to date, those eligible to receive and/or apply for public benefits should monitor announcements from the Mayor’s office and/or the Department of Human Services.

Government or Lead Agency

Office of Mayor Bowser and the Department of Human Services

Dates Available

N/A

Eligibility Requirements/Restrictions

N/A

Application Deadlines (If Applicable)

N/A

Contact for More Information

To contact the Department of Human Services, call (202) 727-5355 or visit https://dhs.dc.gov/

List of Additional Information

Mayor Bowser’s office provides updated announcements regarding COVID-19 here: https://coronavirus.dc.gov/newsroom