

FAIRFAX COUNTY ECONOMIC MOBILITY PILOT

POTENTIAL IMPACT TO BENEFITS
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Introduction: This information is designed to help individuals understand how the monthly payments from the Fairfax County Economic Mobility Pilot may affect their public benefits.

There are three major ways the benefits can be impacted:

- **No Known Impact: As of the start of the Pilot,** there is no known impact of receiving the monthly payments on your eligibility or benefit amount.
- **Possible Reduction of Benefits:** Receiving the monthly payments *may* result in a reduction of benefit, meaning you could still get the benefit, but it may be less each month.
- **Possible Loss of Benefits:** Receiving the monthly payments *may* result in a loss of benefit, depending on how much you earn outside of the FCEMP payments.

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Public Benefit	What Is It?	Expected Impact
Federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	Minimum basic financial assistance to adults and persons with disabilities	Possible Loss of Benefit Income limits and rules for SSI are complicated. The payments you receive from participating in the pilot will be considered and is likely to make you ineligible for SSI.
Medicaid	Free or low-cost health insurance for children and adults.	Possible Loss of Benefit The payments you receive participating in the pilot are likely to be counted as unearned income and will count against eligibility. Depending on how much income your household already

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		makes, the cash grant received from the pilot could make you ineligible for Medicaid due to being over the income limits.
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Food Stamps	Food assistance for low-income adults and families to purchase eligible food in authorized retail food stores.	Possible Reduction /Loss of Benefit The payments you receive from participating in the pilot will count towards SNAP eligibility. Depending on how much income your household already makes, the cash grant received from the pilot could make you ineligible for SNAP due to being over income limits or lower your SNAP benefit amount.
Public Housing (Section 8) & Housing Choice Vouchers	Housing assistance for low-income families, the elderly, and persons with disabilities either through government-owned housing or vouchers to be used in the private market.	Possible Reduction / Loss in Benefit The payments you receive from participating in the pilot will be considered income for housing assistance.
Pell Grant	Post-secondary education (college, associate's degree) financial aid.	Possible Reduction of Benefit The amount of financial aid is calculated based on your income from two years ago. If you or a dependent decide to go to college two years from now, the amount could be reduced based on the payments you receive from the pilot.
Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	Supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutrition education for mothers, and to infants and children	Possible Loss of Benefit The payments you receive from the pilot will be considered when determining eligibility for WIC.

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	up to age five years old who are at nutritional risk.	
Free & Reduced School Lunch	Free or low-cost school lunches for low-income children enrolled in public schools.	Possible Reduction / Loss of Benefit Eligibility is typically determined once per year and the payments from the pilot will count against eligibility. The next time eligibility is assessed (likely the start of the school year), this program may move you from free to reduced price meals or make you ineligible.
Medicare	Free or low-cost health insurance for the elderly.	Possible Reduction of Benefit The payments you receive from the pilot will count towards eligibility for Medicare Parts B (insurance) and D (prescription drugs) costs. The cash payments could increase the amount you have to pay for Medicare Part B Premiums and increase your out-of-pocket cost for medications under Medicare Part D.
TANF	Temporary cash assistance to support basic needs.	No Known Impact The payments you receive from participating in the pilot will not be considered income when determining eligibility for TANF.
Child Care Assistance	Child Care subsidies (also called vouchers and fee assistance)	No Known Impact The payments you receive from participating in the pilot will not be considered income when determining eligibility for Child Care Assistance.

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Social Security (Retirement)	Retirement income payable to adults at least 61 years and 9 months old.	No Known Impact Eligibility is based on previous contributions to Social Security. The payments you receive from participating in the pilot will not impact your social security retirement payments.
Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)	Financial supports for individuals who are disabled and have a qualifying work history, either through their own employment or a family member.	No Known Impact Eligibility is based on previous contributions to Social Security and inability to work. The payments you receive from participating in the pilot will not be considered when determining SSDI eligibility or amount. <i>However, income from employment may impact benefits.</i>
Unemployment Insurance (UI)	Temporary assistance for adults who lose their job to help them meet expenses while seeking new employment.	No Known Impact The payments you receive from participating in the pilot will not be counted towards eligibility as it is considered COVID relief.

FOR FURTHER QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT THE AGENCY THAT PROVIDES THE BENEFIT.

If you have questions regarding SSDI, please contact the Endependence Center to review your individual situation.

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