#### **Get Started**



## **Select Your PIN To Activate Your Card**

- You must select a 4-digit Personal Identification Number (PIN) for your card
- The PIN should be easy for you to remember but hard for others to guess
- Call **1-877-768-5098** and follow the instructions to select
- Sign the back of your card
- Your card is now active and ready for use with your PIN



## **PIN Safety**

- **DO NOT** write your PIN on your card or anything you keep with your card
- **NEVER** tell your PIN to a cashier or store employee
- **PROTECT** your PIN to prevent misuse of your card
- CAUTION: If your benefits are stolen because someone else uses your card and PIN, benefits will not be replaced



# **Card/PIN Replacement**

- If your card is lost, stolen or damaged, or • If you forgot or would like to change your PIN,
- Go to: **ConnectEBT.com** or call Customer Service at 1-877-768-5098
- **NOTE:** One free card replacement per year, then \$1.00 for each additional card.

## **How To Manage Your Card**



## **Keep Your Card**

- This card never expires even if you are no longer eligible
- If you order four or more cards in a calendar year, you may be required to complete an interview with FSSA staff to explain why you keep replacing your card



## **Avoid Fees & Additional Charges**

- There is no fee for ATM cash withdrawals
- Some ATM's have surcharge fees
- You can cancel a transaction if you don't want to pay the
- There is never a fee for using your SNAP benefits or making a TANF purchase



#### **How To Check Your Balance**

- Log on to: ConnectEBT.com or
- Call Customer Service, at 1-877-768-5098 or
- Check your last receipt for your balance
- The receipt will also list the date, merchant name, location, transaction type and amount

## **Benefits Are For Your Household Only**



## Illegal Use Of Benefits/TANF **Withdrawals**

### *Illegal use of your benefits includes:*

- · Selling, trading or giving away your benefits and using or buying someone else's benefits
- Allowing a retailer to buy your SNAP benefits in exchange for cash or non-food items
- Withdrawing cash at ATMs, even with the QUEST logo, is illegal at these locations:
- Liauor Stores
- Adult Entertainment Venues
- Bars & Nightclubs - Gun Stores
- Private Clubs & Lodges
- Casinos, Horse Racing Tracks, or Off-Track Betting (OTB) Parlors



## Misuse of SNAP benefits include:

- Misused benefits lead to program disqualifications and fines
- The State can forward cardholder information to the county prosecutor for misuse
- Convictions of a Class C Misdemeanor for illegal TANF withdrawals can result in up to \$500 in fines and 60 days in

To report fraud visit www.usda.gov/oig/hotline.htm or call **1-800-424-9121** 

## **How To Use Your Hoosier Works Card**

To use your SNAP benefits, look for stores and retailers that display the QUEST logo or have signs that read 'EBT Accepted Here' or 'SNAP Accepted Here'.



To use your TANF benefits, look for ATMs, stores, or retailers that display the QUEST logo. It is the retailer's option whether or not to allow cash-back with TANF purchases.

Food purchased with SNAP must be received at the time of purchase. (Exceptions: Purchases at approved online retailers or a CSA (Community Supported Agriculture). You may use SNAP to purchase shares in a CSA up to 14 days in advance of receiving the share of food.) You cannot use SNAP to pay for food that was received at an earlier time.

NOTE: You cannot use your SNAP benefits to pay for past or future purchases.

#### **BUYING GROCERIES**

- Select "EBT" on the merchant's terminal and enter your 4-digit PIN
- Select or tell the cashier which benefit account to charge (SNAP or TANF)
- Keep your receipt it shows your account balance
- SNAP transactions are unlimited and there is no minimum dollar amount per transaction

## **GETTING CASH AT AN ATM**

#### For Cash Benefits Only

- Insert your card and enter your 4-digit PIN
- Select "Withdraw from Checking"
- Enter the amount of cash you want; most ATMs give only \$20 bills (\$20, \$40, \$100, etc.)

#### GETTING CASH BACK WITH A PURCHASE For Cash Benefits Only

- Select "EBT" on the merchant's terminal and enter your 4-digit PIN
- Select or tell the cashier to charge your cash account
- Tell the cashier the amount of cash you want or enter the amount on the terminal

#### IF PHONE SYSTEM IS DOWN...

- A retailer can process a SNAP manual voucher if the merchant terminal is not working
- Retailer will complete the manual voucher with details of your purchase and card information
- You will be required to sign the completed manual voucher
- DO NOT write your PIN on the youcher
- Your SNAP account will be charged when the system is back online

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### What happens if I don't use all my benefits?

Your balance at the end of the month is carried over to the next month. However if you don't use your account, your SNAP benefits will be removed after 274 days of inactivity, and your TANF benefits will be removed after 180 days of

#### What if adjustments are made to my benefits?

The cardholder's account may be adjusted due to errors. The cardholder has a right to notice when an adjustment is made, to request a fair hearing regarding the adjustment, and to receive provisional credit until the hearing decision is rendered. To dispute an adjustment and request a fair hearing call **1-800-403-0864.** 

#### What if my SNAP benefits are destroyed in a household misfortune?

You may be able to get replacement benefits if food purchased with your SNAP benefits are destroyed in a household misfortune like a power outage or fire. Contact FSSA for more information.

#### What if I have other questions about my card?

Go to **ConnectEBT.com** or call the EBT Customer Service toll-free number at 1-877-768-5098 with any questions you have about your Hoosier Works Card.

Contact FSSA if you need to report a change of address or changes in your household, need to check on your benefit status, or to inquire about the recertification process. Go to www.DFRbenefits.IN.gov (24/7) or call FSSA at 1-800-403-0864 from 8:00am-4:30pm local time for assistance with your case or application for benefits.





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(2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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# Welcome to the **Indiana Hoosier Works EBT Card**



This guide provides information about using your Indiana Hoosier Works FBT Card.

You can use this card to access your SNAP (food) and TANF (cash) benefits.

To see your balance amount, history and other information, visit: www.ConnectEBT.com

Call 1-877-768-5098 (Toll-Free)

24 hours a day/7 days a week TTY: 711

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