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Questions? Call ESD Benefit Service
 Center at **800-479-6151**

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IMPORTANT:
 Information about your right to
 appeal this action and your rights
 under the Americans with Disabilities
 Act is on the back of this notice.

Notice of Decision

Reach Up

You are eligible for Reach Up as of November 18, 2022. Your Reach Up began on November 18, 2022, so you will get part of a full month's benefit for that month. Please see the Payment Summary below.

| Cash Benefit Payment Summary | | | | |
|------------------------------|----------|-------------------|--------------------|-----|
| For | Amount | When | How Often | How |
| November, 2022 | \$201.00 | November 18, 2022 | 1 time only | EBT |
| December, 2022 | \$280.00 | December 1, 2022 | 1st of each month | EBT |
| December, 2022 | \$187.00 | December 16, 2022 | 16th of each month | EBT |

If you do not use your EBT cash benefits for 3 months, you will lose the unused benefits.

Starting immediately, any child support or alimony that you receive must be turned over to the department. While you are on Reach Up, if a non-custodial parent makes support payments for two months in a row, as of the third month you will begin to receive up to the first \$50 of payments received. This is called a family bonus.

| How your Cash Benefit was figured | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----|------|-----------------------|-----------|
| Old | | | New | |
| Maximum benefit | \$ | 0.00 | Maximum benefit | \$ 467.23 |
| Parent Share* | -\$ | 0.00 | Parent Share* | -\$ 0.00 |
| Benefit | = | 0.00 | Benefit | = 467.00 |
| Family Bonus* | \$ | 0.00 | Family Bonus* | \$ 0.00 |
| Total Payments | \$ | 0.00 | Total Payments | \$ 467.00 |

* Non-custodial parent(s) paid this amount. Up to the first \$50 (family bonus) does not count against your Reach Up.

3SquaresVT

You are eligible for 3SquaresVT benefits from November 18, 2022 to October 31, 2023. Your 3SquaresVT began on November 18, 2022, so you will get part of a full month's benefit for that month. Please see the Payment Summary below.

Your 3SquaresVT will be \$ 516.00 per month as of December 1, 2022 because:

- ♦ your cash benefit changed from \$ 201.00 to \$ 467.00. (Code of Federal Regulations, Title 7, Part 273 (7 C.F.R. 273.9(b)(2)(i))

| 3SquaresVT Payment Summary | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------|
| For | Amount | When | How Often | How |
| November, 2022 | \$223.00 | November 18, 2022 | 1 time only | EBT Food |
| December, 2022 | \$516.00 | December 1, 2022 | 1st of each month | EBT Food |

If you do not use your EBT card at least every 274 days, you will lose the unused 3SVT benefits.

| How your 3SquaresVT were figured | | | | | |
|---|-----|------|-------------------------------|-----|--------|
| Old | | | New | | |
| Cash benefits* | +\$ | 0.00 | Cash benefits* | +\$ | 467.00 |
| Minus standard deduction | -\$ | 0.00 | Minus standard deduction | -\$ | 193.00 |
| Minus allowed shelter/utility | -\$ | 0.00 | Minus allowed shelter/utility | -\$ | 624.00 |
| 3SquaresVT income | =\$ | 0.00 | 3SquaresVT income | =\$ | 0.00 |
| 3SquaresVT | \$ | 0.00 | 3SquaresVT | \$ | 516.00 |

*"Cash Benefit" means Reach Up, Reach First, Postsecondary Education Program(PSE)or Essential Person (EP) benefits.

Special Messages

Keep the Post Office up to date on where you live and put your name on your mailbox. The post office will not forward our mail, you must tell us when you change your address.

Please use the enclosed Change Report form to report changes in your situation. You may also call or write us to report changes. Please see the back of this notice for a list of what you have to report.

You will get a Vermont Express (EBT) card in a few days along with information on how to use it to get your benefits. 3SquaresVT and Reach Up benefit amounts are available through your EBT card each month unless we send you a notice that your benefits have changed. Fuel Assistance benefit amounts are issued one time only.

Keep your EBT card. We will not send you a new card each month. You do not need to choose a PIN (Personal Identification Number) if you already have one. If you do not have a PIN or have forgotten your PIN, call 1-800-914-8605.

Eligibility for Free School Meals:

November 18, 2022

If your household receives 3SquaresVT, Reach Up or PSE benefits, your school-age children are automatically eligible for free school meals if they attend a school that participates in the National School Lunch or Breakfast Programs. If you are eligible for the 3SquaresVT program but your 3SquaresVT benefit is \$0.00 per month, your children may still be eligible for free or reduced school meals. Please contact the school to apply.

Every month, we send a list of eligible children to the Department of Education to share with your child's school meal program staff. Your children will be automatically enrolled to get free school meals once the school gets their names, which may take a few weeks. To make sure that your children can get free school meals without delay, please take this letter to your school to get them enrolled now. If you do not want us to send your child's name to the school, you must call us immediately to ask us to remove your child's name from the list. Call our toll free number 1-800-479-6151. If you change your mind later, you can still complete a school lunch application at school.

This notice also allows your children to get free meals if they attend a program that participates in the Summer Food Service Program, such as a school, club, or camp. Children who attend a day care that participates in the Child and Adult Care Food Program are also eligible for free meals. Make a copy of this letter to give to each provider to show that your children are automatically eligible for these free meals.

Your eligible children are:

| Child first name | Last name | Birth Date | Age | Sex |
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If you qualify for the 3SquaresVT program but do not receive a monthly benefit your children may still be eligible for free or reduced priced school meals. Please contact your school to apply.

You are budgeted the maximum utility allowance in your 3SquaresVT budget because you are eligible for a Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) fuel benefit.

LIHEAP Fuel Benefit Information: A one time \$21.00 LIHEAP fuel benefit has been issued to your EBT card. If your housing situation changes, you could be eligible for a larger LIHEAP fuel benefit. Visit our website at www.mybenefits.vt.gov to apply for fuel assistance or check the status of other benefits. **WARNING:** If you do not use your EBT cash benefit within 90 days, it will expire and no longer be available to you.

This notice is based on facts for November, 2022 through December, 2022.

To find out more about Agency of Human Services programs, visit our website:
www.screendoor.vermont.gov.

To find out about services in your community, visit www.vermont211.org, or dial 211 on your phone.

Getting 3SquaresVT Qualifies You For Lifeline

If you get 3Squares VT, you qualify for Lifeline - a federal program that provides a monthly discount on phone or internet service. One benefit is allowed per household: either phone (wireless or landline) or internet service (home or mobile data).

To learn more, call 1-800-234-9473 where you will learn how to contact your provider and how to enroll. If you're age 60 or older, you can also call the Senior Helpline at 1-800-642-5119.

If you applied for other programs, not included in this notice, you will be receiving a separate notice about your eligibility for those programs.

By: Economic Services Division (D1Z)

An additional message about your:

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