

Cash Benefits

The implementation of NH's new State law, RSA 167:7-b, is bringing about some changes in how cash benefits can be used, which is outlined below.

The best use of your cash grant is to help pay for things you need to support you and your family. This could mean using your grant to help pay for your shelter, such as rent or your mortgage, or utility bills, such as heat or electricity. Other ways to use your grant is for things like child care co-pays so you can work, laundromats to clean your clothes, and gas to get to and from work or medical appointments. Under NH Law, you cannot use your EBT card, or cash you get from your EBT card, at places that are banned.

Those include:

- Gaming Establishments - this includes commercial and charitable bingo halls, card halls, or race tracks, even if the gaming provided is through video, rather than live, events;
- Businesses that provide adult-oriented entertainment in which performers disrobe or perform in an unclothed state for entertainment - whether live or video. This includes businesses in which greater than 50% of visible inventory being sold or rented is printed matter, visual representation, live performance or sound recording including, but not limited to, books, magazines, motion picture films, pamphlets, pornographic records, pictures, photographs, figures, statues, plays, dances, in which performers disrobe or perform in unclothed states for entertainment. It also includes businesses which provide on or off-site adult-oriented entertainment for such venues, commonly referred to as, but not limited to, bachelor parties or peep shows, in which performers disrobe or perform in an unclothed state for entertainment; or
- Places that primarily sell alcoholic drinks - this includes liquor stores or any businesses in which greater than 50% of visible inventory is beer, wine, or other alcoholic drinks.

If you use your EBT card or cash from your card at one of these places, the following will happen:

- First offense: your portion of your grant will be suspended for 1 month;
- Second offense: your portion of your grant will be suspended for 2 months; and
- Third or additional offenses: your portion of your grant will be suspended for 3 months.