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Notice of Case Action
State of Florida Department
of Children and Families



January 10, 2024

Case: 1389841529

Phone: (407) 317-7645

PETER J THOMAS
GENERAL DELIVERY
LAKELAND FL 33801

Dear Peter J Thomas

The following is information about your eligibility.

Food Assistance

Your application for Food Assistance benefits dated January 08, 2024 is **approved** for expedited services. You are eligible from January 8, 2024 through April 30, 2024 unless you do not complete the interview, return the information we need, or there is a change in your household circumstances. If you need an interview, call the phone number at the top of this letter within 7 days to complete the interview. If you have already completed your interview, please provide the verifications listed below.

Household Size: 1

Name	Jan, 2024	Feb, 2024 Thru April 30, 2024
Peter Thomas JR	Eligible	Eligible
Benefit Amount	\$223.00	\$291.00

* You may receive the first and second month's benefits together.

Certain food assistance recipients, known as Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWDs) and Mandatory Work Participants will have to meet work requirements to be eligible to receive food assistance benefits. An ABAWD (age 18 through 54) or Mandatory Work Participant (age 18 through 59) is an adult without a dependent; physically and mentally able to work; not living and eating with a child under age 18; not pregnant; and not exempt from food assistance general employment program work requirements. **If you are identified as an ABAWD or Mandatory Work Participant, you will be referred to participate in the SNAP Employment and Training program, operated by local workforce development board (LWDB) also known as CareerSource. To find your local LWDB or to learn more about services offered, please visit: <https://lcd.floridajobs.org/> .**

Effective Dates:

- **September 1, 2023**, individuals up to age 50 will be subject to Able-Bodied Adult Without Dependents (ABAWD) work rules.

- **October 1, 2023**, individuals up to age 52 will be subject to Able-Bodied Adult Without Dependents (ABAWD) work rules **and** individuals up to age 59 will be subject to Mandatory Work Participant Rules.
- **October 1, 2024**, individuals up to age 54 will be subject to Able-Bodied Adult Without Dependents (ABAWD) work rules.

If you are identified as an ABAWD and fail to comply with work requirements, or do not have good reason not to participate, a sanction will be imposed that stops or reduces food assistance benefits. If your case is closed, you can reapply if you are exempt from work requirements, have good reason to not participate, or are working or volunteering 20 hours per week, averaged 80 hours per month.

If you are identified as Mandatory Work Participant and fail to comply with work requirements, or do not have good reason not to participate, a sanction will be imposed that stops or reduces food assistance benefits. If your case is closed, you can reapply if you are exempt from work requirements, have good reason to not participate, or are working or volunteering 30 hours per week, averaged 120 hours per month, or earning \$870.00 or more a month.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR FOOD ASSISTANCE BENEFITS

You did not have to complete the interview or provide all eligibility information before we approved your initial benefits because you met the criteria for Food Assistance expedited services. Before you can receive any more Food Assistance benefits, you will need to complete the interview and provide the following information:

PETER J THOMAS

You have until February 07, 2024 to complete the interview or provide the information listed above. If you do not complete the interview or provide the information by this date, you will not receive any additional Food Assistance benefits, and your Food Assistance case will close without advance notice.

If your case is closed because you did not provide the requested information, it will need to be provided the next time you apply for Food Assistance benefits.

If the information you provide makes you ineligible or reduces the amount of your Food Assistance benefits, we will take action without advance notice. If you apply for Cash Assistance and are approved, your Food Assistance benefits may change without advance notice.

For Food Assistance benefits, you must report certain changes during your certification period when your household's monthly gross income is more than your income limit of \$1,580.00. If you or a household member receives lottery or gambling winnings, you must report when the gross (before taxes or other amounts are withheld) amount is \$4,250.00 or more, if won in a single game. If you are an ABAWD, you must also report if your work hours drop below 80 hours/month. You must report changes within 10 days following the end of the month the change happens.

If you fail to report changes as required, or if the information you provide is not correct, you may have to repay any benefits you receive for which you were not eligible and you may be prosecuted for fraud. You must report other changes and your household's situation at the time of the next recertification. If you have access to a computer, you may report your changes online at the ACCESS Florida website www.myflorida.com/accessflorida. You may also report changes by calling the ACCESS Florida Customer Call Center toll free at 1-850-300-4323, or by mail to the return address at the top of this notice.

If this is the first time you have been approved for food or cash benefits, your EBT Card will be mailed to you. If you received benefits before and had a card but have lost or misplaced it, please call EBT Customer Service at 888-356-3281 to ask for a replacement card.

Go to www.myflorida.com/accessflorida and update your MyACCESS account. You will need your case number, 1389841529, to validate your account. Once you have validated your account you will be able to see the status of your benefits, view notices, renew benefits, request additional benefits, report changes, and upload documents.

For more information about available employment and training opportunities in your area, please visit:
www.employflorida.com.

DCF Services:

For information about your case, you may access your case information quickly and securely:

- through My ACCESS Account at www.myflorida.com/accessflorida,
- receive email notifications by signing up through your MyACCESS Account, or
- call the ACCESS Customer Call Center at (850) 300-4DCF (4323).

Fair Hearings: If you disagree with the decision we have made, you have the right to ask for a hearing before a state hearings officer. You may be represented at the hearing by a lawyer, relative, friend or anyone you choose. If you want a hearing, you must ask for the hearing by writing, calling the call center or coming into an office within 90 days from the date at the top of this notice. If you ask for a hearing before the effective date of this notice, your benefits may continue at the prior level until the hearing decision. You may be responsible to repay any benefits if the hearing decision is not in your favor.

If you need information about free legal services, call the ACCESS Customer Call Center toll free at (850) 300-4DCF (4323) for a listing of legal services in your area or you can visit www.floridalawhelp.org.

Information on other services that may be helpful to you can be found at

<https://www.myflfamilies.com/services/public-assistance>.

Local community partner agencies are available to help you apply for services. To find one near you, go to www.myflorida.com/accessflorida under "Find Us". You can search by zip code or county.

Other information that may help you:

- To register or update your voter registration, you can visit www.registertovoteflorida.gov or call the ACCESS Customer Call Center at (850) 300-4DCF (4323)
- Did you earn less than \$63,398 in 2023? You may be eligible for an Earned Income Tax Credit up to \$7,430. For more information on where to find free tax assistance in your area call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040.
- You may be eligible to receive monthly discounts on your phone bill through Florida's Lifeline Assistance Program. Call your phone company or the Florida Public Service Commission at 1-800-342-3552 for more information.
- If you need free help obtaining child support, medical support, establishing paternity, or locating your child's parent, call the Florida Child Support Program at (850) 488-KIDS (5437).

For Florida Relay 711 or TTY services, call 1-800-955-8771.

Nondiscrimination Policy:

In accordance with federal civil rights laws and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), religious creed, disability, age, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA. Programs that receive federal financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), such as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), and programs HHS directly operates are also prohibited from discrimination under federal civil rights laws and HHS regulations.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotope, American Sign Language), should contact the agency (state or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or who have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLAINTS INVOLVING USDA PROGRAMS

USDA provides federal financial assistance for many food security and hunger reduction programs such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) and others. To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ad-3027.pdf>, and at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

1. **mail:** Food and Nutrition Service, USDA

1320 Braddock Place, Room 334, Alexandria, VA 22314; or

2. **fax:** (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
3. **phone:** (833) 620-1071; or
4. **email:** FNSCIVILRIGHTSCOMPLAINTS@usda.gov

For any other information regarding SNAP issues, persons should either contact the USDA SNAP hotline number at (800) 221-5689, which is also in Spanish, or call the [state information/hotline numbers](#) (click the link for a listing of hotline numbers by state); found online at: [SNAP hotline](#).

CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLAINTS INVOLVING HHS PROGRAMS

HHS provides federal financial assistance for many programs to enhance health and well-being, including TANF, Head Start, the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), and others. If you believe that you have been discriminated against because of your race, color, national origin, disability, age, sex (including pregnancy, sexual orientation, and gender identity), or religion in programs or activities that HHS directly operates or to which HHS provides federal financial assistance, you may file a complaint with the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) for yourself or for someone else.

To file a complaint of discrimination for yourself or someone else regarding a program receiving federal financial assistance through HHS, complete the form on line through OCR's Complaint Portal at <https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/>. You may also contact OCR via mail at: Centralized Case Management Operations, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 509F HHH Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20201; fax: (202) 619-3818; or email: OCRmail@hhs.gov. For faster processing, we encourage you to use the OCR online portal to file complaints rather than filing via mail. Persons who need assistance with filing a civil rights complaint can email OCR at OCRMail@hhs.gov or call OCR toll-free at 1-800-368-1019, TDD 1-800-537-7697. For persons who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have speech difficulties, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services. We also provide alternative formats (such as Braille and large print), auxiliary aids and language assistance services free of charge for filing a complaint.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

If you have difficulty understanding English because you do not speak English or have a disability, please let us know. Free language assistance or other aids and services are available upon request. 850-300-4323

إذا واجهتك صعوبة في فهم اللغة الإنجليزية لأنك لا تتحدث الإنجليزية أو تعاني من إعاقة، يرجى إخبارنا. تتاح المساعدة اللغوية المجانية أو أي مساعدات وخدمات أخرى عند الطلب. 850-300-4323

Si vous avez des difficultés à comprendre l'anglais parce que vous ne parlez pas anglais ou en raison d'un handicap, veuillez nous en informer. Une assistance linguistique ou d'autres types d'aides et de services sont disponibles gratuitement sur demande. 850-300-4323

Wenn Sie Schwierigkeiten haben, Englisch zu verstehen, weil Sie die Sprache nicht kennen oder weil Sie eine Behinderung haben, lassen Sie uns dies bitte wissen. Kostenlose Sprachmittlung sowie andere Hilfsmittel und Leistungen sind auf Anfrage erhältlich. 850-300-4323

તમે અંગ્રેજી ન બોલતા હોવાના કારણે અથવા વિકલાંગતા હોવાના લીધે જો તમને અંગ્રેજી સમજવામાં સમસ્યા આવતી હોય તો , મહેરબાની કરીને અમને જણાવો. વિનંતી કરવા પર વિના મૂલ્યે ભાષાકીય મદદ અથવા અન્ય સહાય અને સેવાઓ ઉપલબ્ધ છે. 850-300-4323

Si ou gen difikilite pou konprann angle paske ou pa pale angle oswa ou gen yon andikap, tanpri di nou sa. Gen èd ak lang avèk lòt èd ak sèvis disponib depi ou mande. 850-300-4323

Hai problemi a capire l'inglese perché non parli la lingua o hai una disabilità? Mettiti in contatto con noi. Su richiesta, è possibile ricevere assistenza linguistica o altri servizi e tipi di supporto in maniera gratuita. 850-300-4323

영어를 할 줄 모르거나 장애 때문에 영어를 이해하기가 어려우시면 당국에 알려주십시오. 요청 시 무료 언어 지원 또는 기타 보조 도구 및 서비스를 이용하실 수 있습니다. 850-300-4323

Jeżeli masz trudności ze zrozumieniem języka angielskiego, ponieważ nie mówisz w tym języku lub jesteś osobą z niepełnosprawnością, prosimy o kontakt. Bezpłatna pomoc językowa, a także inne formy wsparcia są dostępne na życzenie. 850-300-4323

Se você tiver dificuldade para entender inglês porque não fala inglês ou tem uma deficiência, informe-nos disso. Um assistente de linguagem gratuito e outros auxílios e serviços estão disponíveis mediante solicitação. 850-300-4323

Если у вас есть трудности с пониманием английского языка, потому что вы не говорите на нем или являетесь лицом с ограниченными возможностями, дайте нам знать. Бесплатные услуги языковой поддержки или другая помощь доступны по запросу. 850-300-4323

Ukoliko imate poteškoće u razumevanju engleskog jezika, bilo zbog toga što ne govorite engleski jezik ili zbog hendikepa, obavestite nas o tome. Besplatna jezička podrška i druge vrste pomoći i usluga su dostupne na zahtev. 850-300-4323

Si tiene dificultades para entender el inglés porque no sabe el idioma o porque tiene una discapacidad, háganoslo saber. Puede solicitar ayuda con el idioma u otras ayudas y servicios gratuitos. 850-300-4323

Kung kayo ay may kahirapan sa pag-intindi ng Ingles dahil hindi kayo nagsasalita ng Ingles o kayo ay may kapansanan, mangyaring ipaalam sa amin. Maaaring humiling ng libreng tulong sa wika o iba pang mga tulong at serbisyo. 850-300-4323

หากมีปัญหากับการทำความเข้าใจภาษาอังกฤษเนื่องจากคุณไม่ได้สื่อสารภาษาอังกฤษหรือเป็นผู้พิการ

โปรดแจ้งให้เราทราบ บริการช่วยเหลือด้านภาษาหรือความช่วยเหลือและบริการอื่นๆ ตามต้องการโดยไม่เสียค่าใช้จ่าย 850-300-4323

如因不會說英文或罹患殘疾而無法理解英文，請告訴我們。收到申請後，我們會提供免費語言協助或者其他協助和服務。 850-300-4323

Nếu quý vị gặp khó khăn để hiểu tiếng Anh vì quý vị không nói tiếng Anh hay bị khuyết tật, vui lòng cho chúng tôi biết. Trợ giúp ngôn ngữ miễn phí hay các dịch vụ và hỗ trợ khác được cung cấp khi có yêu cầu. 850-300-4323