

The Giant Company Now Accepting Snap Benefits For Online Grocery Shopping In Pennsylvania

By Ashley Flower

WIND GAP – The GIANT Company today announced Pennsylvania customers who participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) will now be able to shop online for both grocery pickup and delivery via GIANT Direct and MARTIN'S Direct using their Pennsylvania EBT ACCESS card.

“Making sure the communities we serve have access to nutritious food is at the core of who The GIANT Company is and central to our purpose of connecting families for a better future,” said Matt Simon, vice president of brand experience, The GIANT Company. “Now, customers who participate in SNAP can enjoy the convenience of online shopping, while still receiving the same low prices and maximizing their SNAP benefits for the food they need to share a healthy meal with their family.”



According to the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, 1.8 million people in the Commonwealth are currently on SNAP.

People in eligible low-income households can obtain more nutritious diets with SNAP increasing their food purchasing power at grocery stores and supermarkets. Those who are eligible receive an Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) ACCESS Card to make food purchases.

“Though we are beginning to emerge from the public health crisis, COVID-19 still remains a danger to many, especially because many SNAP recipients are older and may have chronic health conditions. The SNAP Online Purchasing pilot has given thousands of Pennsylvanians the ability to safely shop for fresh groceries and pantry staples during this health crisis,” said Acting Department of Human Services Secretary Meg Snead. “We are grateful that The GIANT Company has joined this program and we encourage SNAP recipients to take advantage of this convenience.”

Applications for SNAP and other public assistance programs can be submitted online at www.compass.state.pa.us. On-site County Assistance Office (CAO) services are also available if clients cannot access services through the COMPASS website, the myCOMPASS PA mobile app, or by calling the Customer Service Centers at 215-560-7226 for Philadelphia clients and 1-877-395-8930 for clients in all other counties.



Safeguard Your DD-214 Military Paperwork

By State Rep. Joe Emrick

BANGOR - The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) is urging transitioning service members and veterans to make safeguarding their DD-214 a top priority.

The DD-214 is a document of the United States Department of Defense, issued upon a military service member's retirement, separation or discharge from active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States. It contains information needed to verify military service for benefits, retirement, employment and membership in veterans' organizations. Without this key document, there could be a big delay when veterans seek benefits earned through their service to our nation.

The DMVA encourages veterans and departing service members to visit the prothonotary's office in their county of residence to file this paperwork to ensure it is readily available to them or their family members when needed.

For veterans who have lost their DD-214, or family members who cannot locate it on a veteran's behalf, the DMVA is available to help in retrieving an official copy. The DMVA can also assist with locating the DD-215, which is used to correct errors or make additions to a DD-214, helping to assure that veterans have accurate discharge documentation. For assistance, call toll-free 1-800-547-2838 or e-mail RA-REQ@pa.gov. More information about locating military documents can be found by visiting the Records Request Program.



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